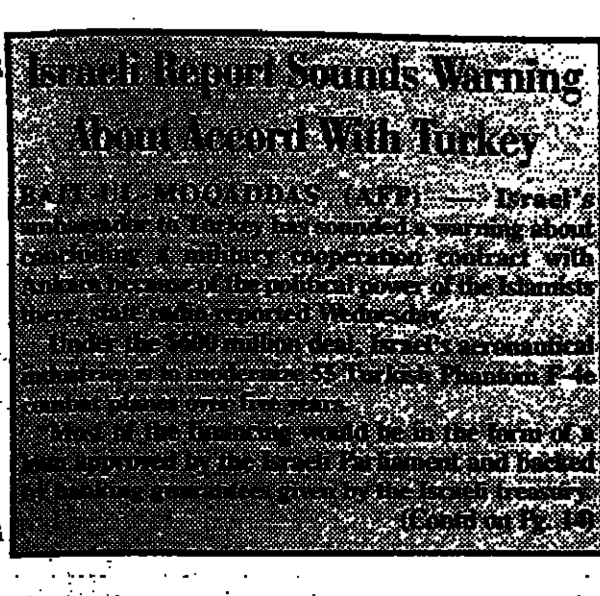


Israeli Report Sounds Warning About Accord With Turkey

BAIT-UL-MOQADDAS (AFP) — Israel's ambassador to Turkey has sounded a warning about concluding a military cooperation contract with [illegible] because of the political power of the Islamists there, state radio reported Wednesday.

Under the [illegible] million deal, Israel's aeronautical [illegible] Turkish Phantom F-4s [illegible].

[illegible] of the financing would be in the form of a [illegible] by the Israeli Parliament and backed [illegible] given by the Israeli treasury.

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Bosnian Serbs to Set Up War Crimes Court

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AFP) — The Bosnian Serb Parliament voted Wednesday to establish a war crimes court to try Bosnian Serbs indicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and military commander General Ratko Mladic have both been indicted on war crimes charges by the UN tribunal which is based in The Hague.

The Parliament was meeting in Pale, the stronghold of the Republika Srpska — the Serb entity in Bosnia-Herzegovina — to discuss implimitation of the Dayton peace accords.

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National Seminar to Examine Performance of Judiciary

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — On the eve of the "Judiciary Week," Prosecutor General Ayatollah Morteza Moqtadaie told the *Tehran Times* that a national seminar will be held in the week to survey new developments and improvements of the Judiciary system.

The two-day seminar, beginning next Sunday, will examine the gaps between Iran's judicial system and the ideal model prescribed by Islam, Moqtadaie stressed.

It was during one of the annual seminars which the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei, called on the Judiciary officials to set a target for the Judiciary and evaluate the performance of the system every year in order to find out the weakness in achieving the ultimate target.



MOQTADAIE

Several commissions will be set up during the gathering and the participants will submit a report on their achievements. They also forward the difficulties they face in administering justice, Ayatollah Moqtadaie added.

Every commission's rapporteur will report to the seminar on the outcome of the commissions' meetings. The Judiciary will classify the findings of the commissions and adopt appropriate measures for each case.

Similar meetings will also be held during the week in different provinces of the country, he stressed.

The merger of the four categories of courts into two last year may be considered a landmark in the history of the country's judicial system, he said.

Before the merger the judici-

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Arab League: No Normalization With Israel Before Peace

Compiled From Dispatches

TEHRAN — The Arab League refused on Wednesday any normalization between the Arab world and Israel before the Zionist state reaches peace treaties with all its neighbors.

"Arab nations will not go on with normalizing their ties with Israel without the establishment of peace with Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinians," Deputy Secretary General Said Kamal told journalists.

He called on new Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to respect the principle of land for peace, which "constitutes the only basis for a global Israeli-Arab peace."

"For us there is no basis for negotiations if it is not for the application of the Madrid Conference founded on UN resolutions 242, 338 and 425 calling for the exchange of land for peace," Kamal said.

Kamal made the comments in response to an appeal by Netanyahu to Syria on Tuesday calling for peace negotiations "without preconditions."

He called on the United States, UN and Europeans to "pressure Israel to respect the principle of land for peace, which was ignored in the speech on Tuesday by Netanyahu before the Israeli Knesset (Parliament)."

Arabs warned Wednesday that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's promises not to withdraw from land seized in war or negotiate the status of Bait-ul-Moqaddas will imperil the peace process.

Arab nations will hold a summit in Cairo this weekend to formulate a response to Netanyahu's hard-line policies, and the statements signal unease about the future of the peace talks.

Syria will not resume negotiations with Israel as long as Netanyahu refuses a land-for-peace deal that has served as the basis of negotiations since 1991, Syrian official media said.

"It is threatening to totally undermine the effort and reverse what has already been agreed upon," *Tishrin*, a Syrian government newspaper, said in an editorial Wednesday.

Another government newspaper, *Al-Thawra*, said resumption of negotiations now was "an impossible matter."

If Israel refuses to withdraw from the Golan Heights, "Then on what would Syria negotiate and for what purpose would the peace process continue?"

Yasser Abed Rabbo, the Palestinian culture minister, said any further peace talks should be conditioned on Israel's adherence to Israeli-PLO agreements.

"This government will not only plot against the peace process, but it will also undermine the existence of the Palestinian authority. We should, therefore, take an appropriate stand because

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Turkey Warns Arabs on Dispute With Syria

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Turkey has warned Arab leaders not to bring up disputes over sharing water and its military pact with Israel at this weekend's Arab summit, diplomats said Wednesday.

Arab leaders will try to come up with a response to the hard-line policies of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu when they meet Saturday in Cairo. Syria was reportedly seeking to bring up its disputes with Turkey over sharing the Euphrates River and the Israeli-Turkish military agreement as well.

But in a strongly worded letter, Turkish President Suleyman Demirel warned Arab leaders not to address the disputes. He said it would be tantamount to interference in Turkey's domestic affairs, Arab diplomats said on condition of anonymity.

Talaat Hamed, an Arab League spokesman, said Wednesday that a letter was sent by Turkish Foreign Minister Emre Gonensay to his Arab counterparts and the Arab League's secretary-general on the water issue, but he declined to give further details.

It was not clear whether it was the same as Demirel's letter.

In Ankara, Turkey, Foreign

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Netanyahu Holds First Cabinet Session

BAIT-UL-MOQADDAS (AFP) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu chaired the first session of his new Cabinet Wednesday, reminding the 16 ministers that as Israel's first directly elected premier, his personal power was unprecedented.

"The new government is unlike any of its predecessors because of the new law which gives the prime minister greater powers than in the past," he said in a brief opening statement.

Netanyahu, whose arrival in power has been marred by a series of disputes with coalition partners and officials in his own Likud Party, called on the ministers to put aside "personal and party considerations (and) act together for the good of the state of Israel and the entire Jewish people."

The meeting was also attended by senior military officers and top officials of the country's security services.

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Lebed's Coup Talk a Political Game

MOSCOW (AFP) — Accusations by Russia's new National Security Supremo Alexander Lebed that army generals planned an uprising met a cool reception here Wednesday, with most observers saying Lebed was playing political games.



Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin was quoted by Interfax news agency as saying he was "extremely surprised" and that the coup talk by Lebed,

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Sixth World Zoroastrian Congress Opens



Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — With a theme of *"Unity with Purity"*, the Sixth World Zoroastrian Congress opened here yesterday.

"Today, Iran is embracing its children, and this is at a time when Iran is reviving spirituality and religion all over the world." This was the message of Iranian Majlis Speaker Ali Akbar Nateq Nouri for the inauguration ceremony of the congress.

Supporting religious minorities has been a vital principle in the Islamic Republic of Iran and behavior toward religious minorities in Iran can be considered a model for the world, the message read.

Today our Zoroastrian countrymen are reaping the seeds of martyrdom of Iranian youths, especially the Zoroastrian ones.

Nateq Nouri's message concluded by wishing that this congress would lead to solving the problems of youths, escalation of spirituality, and strengthening the entity of the family as some of its aims.

The faith of Zoroaster is the faith of affection, love, and spiri-

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Life-Sustaining for the Elderly, Main Topic of the ESCAP Meeting

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — Providing the aged with life-sustaining and necessary welfare facilities was the main topic discussed in the annual meeting of the ESCAP (Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific) held in Bangkok, Thailand last May, Head of the National Welfare Organization, Seyed Mohammad Jazaayeri told the *Tehran Times*.

Some 14 regional countries attending the ESCAP meeting, May 7-10, exchanged views on different strategies for providing the aged with lifelike living conditions.

Exploring each country's

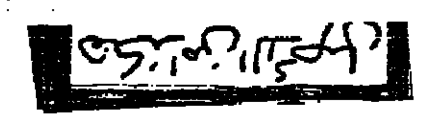
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Congratulations

Today is the birth anniversary of the fifth Imam of the Household of the Holy Prophet Mohammad (S). Our congratulations to Muslims worldover.

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In The Name of Allah

He causes the dawn to break; and He has made the night for rest, and the sun and the moon for reckoning; this is an arrangement of the Mighty, the Knowing.

(HOLY QORAN) (6:96)

OPINION

Heavy Tasks Ahead for Fifth Majlis

Addressing the people's representatives in the Fifth Majlis on Tuesday, the Leader of Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei, gave his guidelines for the Fifth Majlis.

Ayatollah Khamenei laid the major emphasis on the representatives' freedom of decision-making and their holding independent views; those who represent the people should not be influenced by whoever and whatever meddles in their task.

Among other points underlined by the Leader was the fact that the representatives are undergoing a divine trial. The prosperity and salvation of the Islamic society depend on the performance of parliamentarians in such a manner which would help them emerge from the trial successfully, he noted.

The deputies should make the most of their time and avoid squandering the precious opportunity vested in them by the electorate.

The people's representatives are expected to take part in all sessions convened to make decisions and should actively cooperate with Majlis committees, since a dynamic Parliament can yield more effective and mature legislation.

As founder of the Islamic Republic, the late Imam Khomeini described Parliament as being at the top of all organs. The late Leader also said that the main criterion for adopting or rejecting plans is the vote by the people, or decisions made by their representatives.

The Fifth Majlis representatives will certainly bear in mind the words of the late Leader and the guidelines laid by Ayatollah Khamenei on their duties. Therefore, they will do their utmost to realize the legitimate demands of main buttresses of the Islamic Revolution, the average and low-income classes, the most urgent of which is to check soaring prices and raise the people's living standards.

Leader: Allameh Ardebili Leading Shia Faqih

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei, here Wednesday underlined the scientific status of the late Allameh Moqaddas Ardebili describing him as the most leading alim in Shia history.

Addressing the members of the Congress for Commemoration of Scientific Status of Allameh Ardebili, the Leader said Ardebili was the initiator of the Shia jurisprudence followed by other ulema.

Choosing Najaf, Iraq, as his scientific research base, was one of his initiatives, which has been followed by other ulema. This trend reached its peak at the time of the late Sheikh Ansari.

The Leader also lauded the members of the congress for undertaking the heavy task of organizing the congress on Allameh Ardebili.

Prior to the Leader's speech, Ayatollah Meshkini and Hojjatoleslam Ostadi briefed the Leader on the congress activities for commemoration of the Allameh.


Kaveh Ahmadi — Tehran Times

Turkish Hit-and-Run Diplomat Flees Iran

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — A ceremony will be held on Thursday, June. 20, 1996 at Imam Ali (AS) Mosque from 15:00-17:00 to mark the lapse of 40 days since the death of a mother and her daughter who were knocked down by a black Opel with diplomatic license No. 213 on May 14.

The car was driven by a Turkish diplomat, Jaung Karadoman, who fatally hit Marjan Pirani, 19, who was killed on the spot, and her mother, Tahereh Nabati, 49, who was hospitalized but later died due to severe injuries.

The car driver, apparently drunk, left the scene of accident immediately instead of helping the victims and taking them to hospital. If the victims had been taken to hospital at once, they might have survived.

The relatives of the victims ask the Iranian officials, particularly the ministries of foreign affairs and justice, why they have not yet taken serious measures to follow up the matter and administer justice in this regard.

Some of the Justice Ministry's officials, in response to the requests of the relatives of the victims, have said that the Turkish diplomat has fled the country and returned home. But, now the question is, how has the Turkish hit-and-run driver managed to transgress the Iranian ministry's jurisdiction?

There have been some instances of interrogating the Iranian diplomats in some other countries due to baseless charges, the allegations

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British Parliamentarian for More Dialogs With Iran

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — A British member of the European Parliament, Bryan Cassidy, is after more dialogs with the Islamic Republic of Iran. He is pleased with the possibility of a forthcoming visit by a delegation of UK MPs to Iran, an IRNA report from London said.

He also hopes to follow up an exchange visit being arranged between women members of the Iranian Majlis and their counterparts in the Strasbourg-based parliament.

Cassidy himself has just returned with two colleagues from Britain's ruling Conservative Party from a three-day trip to Tehran, which he described as "very interesting."

He told IRNA that he favored an expansion of parliamentary ties between Iran and the European Union and wanted to see more of a dialog that was "more frank and critical."

He said that he had heard reports blaming Britain for blocking EU efforts to normalize ties, but rejected suggestions that the UK government had hardened its attitude towards Iran in the last year in line with Israeli and U.S. propaganda campaigns.

Najafi Leaves Tehran for Ashkhabad

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — Iranian Education Minister Mohammad Ali Najafi left Tehran Wednesday morning to pay an official visit to Ashkhabad, Turkmenistan.



According to IRNA, Najafi was invited by his Turkmen counterpart Mukhamed Abalakov. He is accompanied by an educational and cultural delegation.

During his three-day stay in Turkmenistan, Najafi is due to meet with senior Turkmen officials to discuss promotion of Tehran-Ashkhabad relations particularly in the fields of education and sciences.

Martyrs Foundation to Commemorate Martyr Chamran

TEHRAN (IRNA) — The Martyrs Foundation of the Islamic Revolution said in an announcement here Tuesday that it would commemorate Martyr Dr. Mostafa Chamran on Thursday, June 20.

Chamran, who was the representative of Imam Khomeini on Supreme Defense Council during the Iraqi-Imposed war (1980-1988) as well as the leader of the Irregular Forces defending the country, was martyred on the battlefronts in 1981.

He was educated in the United States, and traveled to Egypt and Lebanon where he contributed to the struggle of Shia Muslims within the Amal Movement.

Upon his arrival in Iran and immediately after the victory of the Islamic Revolution, Chamran contributed to the formation of the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC) and Construction Jihad.

He had also contributed in the rebuilding of the Iranian Armed Forces after the Islamic Revolution.

The father of the Islamic Revolution the late Imam Khomeini paid a personal tribute to him in recognition of his lofty character and his devoted services after his martyrdom.

Meanwhile, on Monday college students in the holy city of Mashhad, capital of Khorasan Province in the northeastern Iran, paid tribute to Martyr Chamran and Martyr Dr. Ali Shariati in their assembly at the Razi Hall of Mashhad University.

The Organizing Committee of the assembly was the Muslim Students Association of the Faculty of medicine of the same university.

Iranian Ambassador, Syrian FM Confer

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — Iranian Ambassador to Damascus, Hojjatoleslam Mohammad Hassan Akhtari held talks with the Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq al-Shara on Tuesday.

According to IRNA, in the meeting Akhtari submitted a written message from the Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati to Al-Shara.

Akhtari and the Syrian foreign minister surveyed the latest developments in relations between Iran and Syria, and stressed the expansion of bilateral ties.

The two sides also surveyed the recent developments in the region.

Kenyan FM's Message to Velayati

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — A message from the Kenyan Foreign Minister Mhe Kalonzo Musyoko was handed over to his Iranian counterpart Ali Akbar Velayati here Wednesday.

According to IRNA, the message was submitted to Velayati by the Kenyan Ambassador to Tehran Salim Juma.

Stating that the Islamic Republic of Iran is a powerful country in the whole region, Juma voiced his country's interest in promoting relations with Iran in political, cultural and economic fields.

Expressing satisfaction over upward trend of Tehran-Nairobi relations, Velayati said that Kenya plays a positive role in East Africa.

Iranian Ambassador Meets Austrian Senate President

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — Iran's Ambassador to Austria Mehdi Mohtashami held talks with the President of the Austrian Senate on Tuesday, IRNA reported from Vienna.

In the meeting, Mohtashami said that the Islamic Republic of Iran has maintained a good level of relations with Europe notwithstanding U.S. efforts to pit them against each other.

He said the resistance of the European Union against dictates of Washington was a token of good understanding between Iran and European countries.

Mohtashemi said Washington had no right to pass legislations in the Congress and impose same on other countries. He said the U.S. was antagonizing Iran because it longed to have unchallenged supremacy in the Persian Gulf for an indefinite future.

The Iranian ambassador also appreciated the position of Vienna towards Iran and also during the Iraqi war years (1980-1988) which, he said, had been "without any blemish".

The president of the Austrian Senate, in response, expressed hope that his government would strengthen ties with Iran, and added that the Legislative Assembly of Austria could do everything within their power to promote those relations.

The Iranian ambassador also extended an invitation to the Austrian official to visit Tehran. The latter accepted the invitation and promised to do so at a mutually convenient future occasion.

Marandi Confers With Azeri Counterpart

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — Iranian Health Minister Ali Reza Marandi conferred with his Azeri counterpart Ali Insanov in Baku Wednesday.

He briefed Insanov on Iran's achievements in combating contagious diseases, IRNA reported.

Referring to the high level of health and medical training courses in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Marandi announced Iran's readiness to share its experiences in the field with the neighboring Azerbaijan.

In the meeting, the two sides emphasized expansion of regional cooperation in areas related to the health and medical education.



The officials of the two countries also exchanged views on setting up of a joint pharmaceutical factory and an iodized salt producing plant, exchange of professors and medical staff, exchange of experiences in fighting contagious diseases and also publication of scientific books.



President: Development, Revolution Are Inseparable

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani Wednesday stressed that in the Islamic Republic of Iran advancement, development and growth mean revolution and revolution means development, IRNA reported.

Addressing a huge gathering of people of Damavad, northeast of Tehran, the president added that certain simple-minded and naive elements are of the notion that advancement and revolution contradict one another.

The president who was here to inaugurate several development projects added that in the course of the development careful attention must be paid as not to neglect religious traditions of the nation.

The aspirations of the Late Imam, the guidelines set by the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei and the sacrifices made by the martyrs, the disabled and their families have all ensured the Islamic Revolution.

Pointing to the proximity of the region to Tehran, President Rafsanjani said that the Damavand region because of the Damavand Mountain and its beautiful nature and landscape as well as many projects which have either been completed or are nearing completion, could be turned into one of major tourist attraction centers of Iran.

The president called upon the local farmers to shift from the traditional method of irrigation to modern techniques in order to make optimum use of the water and land resources.

President Rafsanjani in his visit to Damavand is accompanied by the ministers of post, telegraph and telephone, agriculture and construction jihad.

Damavand Telecommunications Exchange was put into operation in the presence of President Rafsanjani. The exchange can be expanded up to 10,000 lines.

Later, the president inspected a gas supply project in the town.



Mojtaba Tahbi — Tehran Times

Al-e Eshaq:

Social Justice, a Must for Development

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — Social Justice and eradication of poverty are essential factors for the development of a country, said Commerce Minister Yahya Al-e Eshaq in the Seminar on Trade at the Service of Poverty Eradication here yesterday.

Recalling remarks made by the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei, Al-e Eshaq said that it has no use to have development without social justice, adding that Islam as the best religion, presents appropriate solutions for eradication of poverty, and we as a nation, following the path of Islam, can apply these solutions," he said.

One of the main reasons for poverty is the lack of appropriate economic planning. If we distribute economic facilities righteously, campaign against the high cost of living and provide people with opportunities to use their capital in a proper way, we will overcome poverty in our country. He further said that earmarking more facilities to small business as well as creating a competitive atmosphere among producers would play a key role in the eradication of poverty.

Meanwhile, the commerce minister termed the Punishment and Supervising Organization as a support in the path of the eradication of poverty, urging it to spare no effort in its campaign against hoarding and profiteering.

Al-e Eshaq further asked for more support for the underprivileged strata of the society and hailed Imam Khomeini's Relief Committee for its relentless efforts to meet the needs of the poor.

In conclusion, he underlined that the Islamic Republic of Iran enjoys rich national resources as well as a high capacity for economic growth in comparison with some developing countries, and expressed hope that through appropriate economic policies it could make optimum use of these valuable potentials.

The Seminar on Trade at the Service of Poverty Eradication organized by Commerce Ministry's Study and Research Center aimed to present practical ways for the eradication of poverty in the country.

In its final resolution the seminar outlined certain policies which can help poverty eradication process, namely promotion of non-oil export, establishment of an appropriate consumption pattern, adoption of job creation policies, development of infrastructural project, continuation of programs on safety net, stabilization of prices and supporting small businesses.

Tehran-Khartoum Relations Discussed

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — Iranian Ambassador to Sudan Mahdi Marvi in a meeting in Khartoum on Tuesday with the Sudanese Minister of Communications, Hadi Beshri, discussed relations between the two nations, IRNA reported.

The Iranian ambassador also submitted a letter of invitation from the Iranian Minister of Post, Telegraph and Telephone, Mohammad Gharazi, to the Sudanese minister to participate in the third gathering of the Islamic States' Ministers of Communications to be held in the Iranian capital next month.

Beshri terming the trend of politico-economic relations between the two countries as positive, emphasized further deepening of bilateral ties.

Calling for exploring new areas for cooperation in the field of communication, Marvi announced interest of both public and private sectors of Iran in bilateral cooperation.

Tokyo Stocks Rise, Other Asian Bourses Mixed

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN - Japanese share prices rose Wednesday while other Asian bourses closed mixed, most trading was on domestic financial and political issues, AFP reported.

In Tokyo, the Nikkei stock average gained 0.2 percent, supported by confidence in sustained economic growth through the balance of the year, brokers said.

The leading barometer of the Tokyo Stock Exchange rose 34.96 points to finish the session at 22,367.36 while the Broader Topix Index of all shares on the first section closed 0.47 points higher at 1,698.63.

"Buying by foreign investors emerged as the gdp (gross domestic product) data yesterday created optimism for an economic recovery," said Takao Nakamura, Deputy General Manager of Investment Information at Nomura Securities Co. Ltd.

Hong Kong share prices dropped 0.4 percent in lacklustre pre-holiday trading.

"Trading was very quiet, as fund managers who were not on holiday stayed on the sidelines given the lack of fresh leads," said Sassoon Securities Sales Manager Hay Woo.

The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong's Key Hang Seng index slipped 48.31 points to finish at 10,904.47. The market is closed for a holiday Thursday.

Malaysian share prices rose 0.5 percent, fuelled by retail interest in cheaper stocks, brokers said.

"It could have been better if not for the court decision on the Bakun Dam Project," said a broker, referring to a high court ruling that the project was illegal as it contravened environmental laws.

The Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange's 100-share weighted composite index gained 5.32 points to 1,130.27.

Qatari Minister Says Market Can Absorb Iraqi Oil

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — Qatar's Energy and Industry Minister Abdullah bin Hamad al-Attiyah on Tuesday said the market could "easily" absorb an additional oil production by Iraq, Reuter reported.

"We are sure the increasing world demand (for oil) will easily absorb the additional production from Iraq," Attiyah told reporters before leaving on an official visit to Poland.

"Iraq is an important member of the OPEC and has the right to its share in the overall OPEC production. All of us know that it has to return to the market today or tomorrow, and I do not believe it will affect prices," Attiyah said.

"As a matter of fact, the overall impact of Iraq's (imminent) return has so far been positive and the prices have become stable," he said.

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) earlier in June raised its production ceiling to 25.033 million barrels per day (bpd) from 24.52 million bpd to accomodate Iraq.

Kuwaiti Deputies Hammer Mobile Phone Firm Fees

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN - Kuwait's Parliament passed a bill on Tuesday that would control the charges of the Persian Gulf state's only provider of mobile telephone and pager services and could permit a rival to challenge its monopoly, Reuter reported.

The opposition bill was passed by 36 deputies against five abstentions. It requires the approval of the Emir Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmad al-Sabah.

Deputies called the Mobile Telecommunications Company MTC a monopoly that provides poor services at inflated rates.

The bill obliges the government to allow for investors who want to establish another mobile telecommunications firm within one year.

"This bill fullfils a strong popular desire," deputy Ali al-Baghli, a strong backer of the measure, told reporters.

Asked whether this measure would help MPs in the October election campaign, Baghli said: "this conclusion is inevitable but it does not represent the motive (behind the bill)."

Some 125,000 of the country's 1.8 million population carry MTC handsets at an annual subscription fee of 100 dinars and a further 140,000 carry its pagers at 70 dinars per year.

The measure would cut the annual fee for mobile telephones to 30 dinars and that for pagers to 20 dinars.

Preliminary estimates indicate the measure, if enacted could cost MTC about 15 million dinars in lost revenue. But, the bill could encourage more people to buy mobile telephones reducing the immediate losses of MTC, an economist said.

Danish Minister Says UK Tactics Delaying Beef Solution

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — Danish Foreign Minister Nils Helmut Petersen warned Tuesday that Britain's confrontation tactics could prove counter-productive in securing a 'framework' for lifting the worldwide ban on UK beef.

In reference to London's non-cooperation policy with the European Union, he said that it did not seem acceptable that important issues that have nothing to do with mad cow disease are taken hostage, IRNA reported.

The Danish minister told BBC Radio that he did not think the possibilities of a deal were increased by British tactics. "In a sense, it could be said to delay a solution," he said.

His warning came as British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind suggested for the first time Tuesday that his government's efforts to secure a framework for lifting the beef ban may not be achieved at this weekend's EU Summit in Florence.

He said there was now no chance of reaching agreement before EU heads meet on Friday.

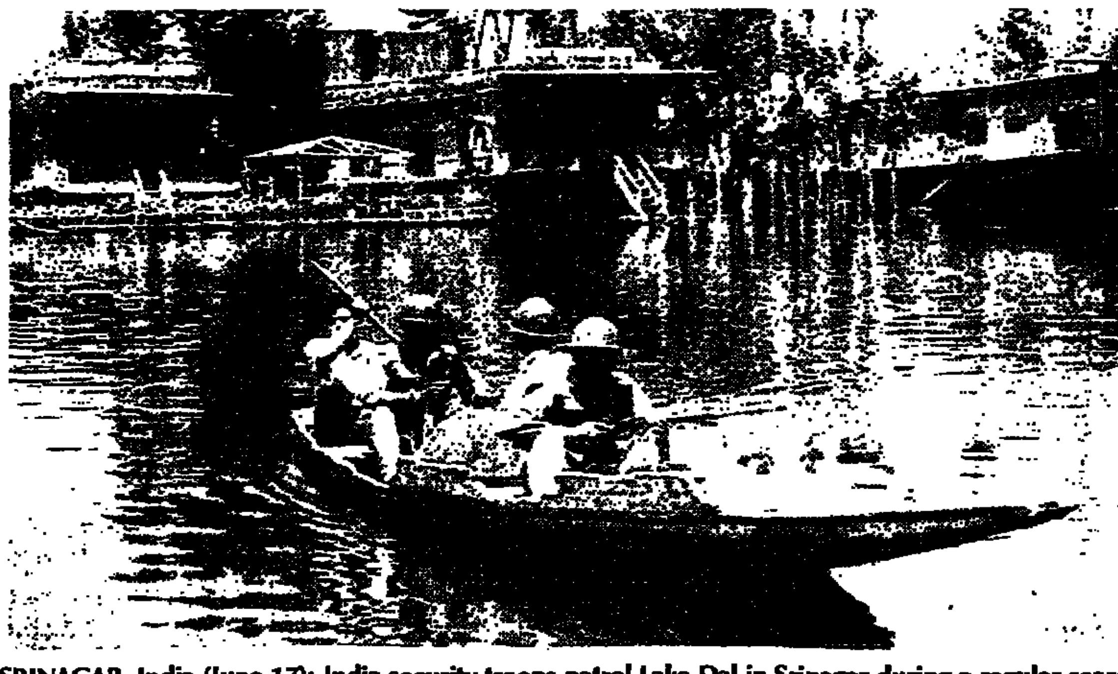
Britain has faced mounting pressure from the EU to abandon its policy of non-cooperation and accept a face-saving deal to end the beef crisis ahead of the mid-year summit.

European ministers meeting in Rome Monday spelled out stark terms for the lifting of the worldwide ban on British beef exports, which were imposed three months ago because of links between mad cow disease and a fatal human equivalent.

The deepening row, some analysts believe, has backfired on the British government and instead of boosting its domestic ratings, could push Prime Minister John Major closer to calling an early general election.

Critics at home and abroad have suggested that Major's tactics in confronting his European partners is more to do with divisions over the EU in his ruling party than with trying to restore public confidence in beef products.

In trying to impress conservative rebels by wrapping himself in the British flag, Major has brought himself close to the edge of alienating EU supporters at a time when his parliamentary majority has been reduced to just one seat.



SRINAGAR, India (June 17): India security troops patrol Lake Dal in Srinagar during a regular search of the lake to keep watch on the inhabitants. An Indian security position came under rocket attack last month which Indian security forces believe originated near the lake which is home to some 3000 house boats.

(AFP PHOTO)



The Fifth Imam's Birth Anniversary

By Late Allameh Mohamad Hossein Tabtabaie

Imam Muhammad ibn Ali. Baqer (the word Baqer meaning he who cuts and dissects, a title given to him by the Prophet) the son of the fourth Imam was born in 57 Hejira (675 AD).

He was present at the event of Karbala when he was four years old. After his father, through Divine Command and the decree of those who went before him, he became Imam.

In the year 114 Hejira (732 AD) he died, according to some Shi'a traditions poisoned by Ibrahim ibn Walid ibn Abdallah, the nephew of Hisham, the Umayyad caliph.

During the imamate of the fifth Imam, as a result of the injustice of the Umayyads, revolts and wars broke out in corner of the Islamic world every day.

Moreover, there were disputes within the Umayyad family itself which kept the caliphate busy and to a certain extent left the members of the Household of the Prophet alone.

On the other side, the tragedy of Karbala and the oppression suffered by the Household of the Prophet, of which the fourth Imam was the most noteworthy embodiment, had attracted many Muslims to the Imams.

These factors combined to make it possible for people and especially the Shi'as to go in great numbers to Medina and to come into the presence of the fifth Imam.

Possibilities for disseminating truths about Islam and the sciences of the Household of the Prophet, which had never existed for the Imams before him, were presented to the fifth Imam.

The proof of this fact is the innumerable traditions recounted from the fifth Imam and the large number of illustrious men of science and Shi'a scholars who were trained by him in different Islamic sciences. These names are listed in books of biographies of famous men in Islam.

Chamran Devoted His Life to the Revolution

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — Dr. Mostafa Chamran was born in Tehran on March 8, 1933. He graduated with honors in electrical and mechanical engineering from the University of Tehran.

At 15, he began his activities with Islamic associations, participating in classes of commentary on the Qoran by Ayatollah Taleghani and those of logic and philosophy by Martyr Professor Motahhari.



Enjoying a government scholarship for talented students, he went to the United States for a period of 14 years and earned his master's degree *summa cum laude* from the University of Texas. He then went on to get his Ph.D. in electronics and plasma physics with excellent grades from the University of California at Berkeley. He entered research on satellites and powerful radars with Bell Laboratories.

He had complete mastery over English and Arabic and also knew French and German.

On his stay in the United States, he said, "I have been outside the country for 22 years. At first it was to study, but later, because of political and guerrilla activities. I was pursued by the Shah's government. From that time on I was considered to be in exile.

"My activities outside Iran acquired political and ideological traits. My most important political activities abroad were organizing and training guerrilla and revolutionary forces in Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon and Syria."



MARTYR CHAMRAN

Chamran participated in guerrilla activities in liberation wars against Israel and the Phalanges. For eight years he assumed responsibility for managing the Technical School of Jabal-Amel in southern Lebanon.

At the time of the victory of the Islamic Revolution under the leadership of Imam Khomeini, Chamran returned to Iran. Initially, he became commander of the government division of the Revolutionary Guards. He was deputy prime minister for revolutionary affairs and was later appointed minister of defense.

Dr. Chamran participated actively in the Kurdistan wars and commanded the rescue forces of Paveh, Nosood, Marivan, Baneh, and Sardasht. In March, 1980, the people of Tehran elected him representative to the Islamic Consultative Assembly (the Majlis). Imam Khomeini selected Chamran as his military adviser and his representative to the Supreme Council of Defense. At the time of the Iraqi invasion he went to Ahvaz, bravely fighting falsehood and was to never leave the front.

Chamran wrote many articles on political, tactical and ideological topics. Most of them were published without any author listed. In his own opinion, his ideological and intellectual activities were more important than his scientific, political or guerrilla activities.

Dr. Mostafa Chamran, the researcher, scientist, crusader and challenging guerrilla achieved martyrdom during the Iraqi-imposed war on Sunday, June 21, 1981 by a bomb splinter in the village of Dehlaviyeh.

Imam Khomeini's Condolence on Chamran's Martyrdom



IMAM KHOMEINI

Tehran Times Service

"In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

We are all from God, and to him we shall return."

I offer my condolences and congratulations on the martyrdom of a proud commander of Islam, the committed crusader on the straight path of God. Dr. Mostafa Chamran has joined the presence of Vali-e-Asr (the last Imam of the Household of the Prophet) — may our spirits be sacrificed for him.

Condolence for the nation which has lost a soldier who created epics on the fronts against falsehood, both in Lebanon and Iran. His highest aim was Islam and the victory of justice over falsehood.

He was a pious warrior and a committed teacher. Our Islamic country needed him and those like him. Congratulations that Islam offers such children to nations and the oppressed masses and brings up such commanders under its wings. Isn't it true that life is belief, and struggle in the way of that belief?

Chamran began his life struggling for his pure belief, independent of any group or political parties. His belief was in the great divine path and he ended his life on this path.

He followed reliance on God, offering his life for it. He lived with pride and became a martyr proudly.

Achievement is: to struggle in the way of God without political uproar or satanic ostentation and to sacrifice oneself in the way of one's objectives, not in the way of one's desires. Those who accomplish this are the beloved of God.

He went proudly to Allah. May his soul be joyful and may he be remembered well. We can also share in such accomplishment. It's up to God to give us a hand and save us from the deep darkness of ignorance and sensuality.

I offer my condolences to the honorable nations of Iran and Lebanon, to Islamic nations and the armed forces and warriors of truth, and to the family and honorable brother of this dear crusader. I ask God to give him mercy and to grant patience to his honorable family.

June 21, 1981

Ruhollah al-Mousavi al-Khomeini



Ticktack

The Crew:

Director: Mohammad Ali Talebi; Producer: Shaahed Television Group; Screenplay: Houshang Moradi Kermani; Cinematography: Farhad Saba; Editing: Hassan Hassandoust; Music: Mohammad Reza Aliqoli; Set designer: M. A. Talebi; Sound recordists: Roubik Mansouri, Mahmoud Sammakbashi; Production manager: Mohammad Hatami; Cast: Saeid Qora'ie, Hassan Qasemkhaani, Shirin Bina, Negin Sedqgouya and Abbas Sadeqinezhad.

(35 mm, Color, 65 minutes)

Director's Short Biography:

Born in Tehran in 1958, Mohammad Ali Talebi became active in the film department of the Institute for Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults since 1971. Later on he began studying cinematography at the

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A High Frequency Engineer's High Quality Works of Art on Display



Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN— "Iranian art is so rich in many different aspects that an art-lover finds many reasons to be inspired," said Werner Hans Albeck 54, in a brief friendly chat at *Tehran Times* office.

The German born engineer who came to our country twenty-nine years ago as a technical director for Grundig Company, was so fascinated by the rich Iranian arts and culture, as well as its beautiful nature and profound archeology, that he chose to live and work as a free-lance painter, while also accepting industrial design and graphic works for different firms.

A surrealistic frame work for a beautiful blend of Iran's archaeological heritage and its beautiful inspiring nature, may be a proper, general description of Albecks works.

"The most important element in my work is the choice of the subject matter," he says, while further elaborating, "And currently what draws my attention more than anything else is the nature as the subject matter."

Albek has participated in numerous exclusive and group exhibitions in Iran and abroad. His latest exhibition is now held at Bamdad Gallery, till Monday June 24.

Bamdad Gallery is on Number 35, Ostad Motahhary Avenue, Magnolia ally, off Fajr (Jam) Avenue.

England Complete Mission Impossible



LONDON, United Kingdom (June 18): England's Teddy Sheringham (L) in a tussle for the ball with Netherland's Aron Winter during the Group A first round match England vs Netherlands at Wembley Stadium. England won 4-1 and qualified for the quarter-finals.

(AFP PHOTO)

LONDON, (AFP) — England completed mission impossible with four goals against the Dutch to cast a vastly different light on their Euro 96 chances as they finally returned as a major international nation.

England failed to qualify for the last World Cup and had a miserable time at the 1992 European Championships, but their 4-1 win over Holland finally brought them out of the international doldrums.

They have only been a mediocre player on the international scene since reaching the 1990 World Cup semi-final and having one of the best and most exciting leagues in the world.

But two goals from both Teddy Sheringham and Alan Shearer emphatically boosted their standing worldwide as a high-calibre country.

Their build-up has been marred by criticism over their drinking, behaviour and fitness, but the result proved England's preparations have been spot on.

Accurate finishing in front of a capacity crowd left Dutch fans in shocked silence as England coach Terry Venables had his finest hour.

Venables, who hands the reigns of the team over to Glenn Hoddle at the end of the championship, enjoyed his best ever result in his 21-match, 27-month tenure.

But Guus Hiddink's Holland still survived in the competition despite alleged racial tensions in the camp. A late goal from substitute Patrick Kluivert means Holland face France at Anvield on Saturday in the quarter-finals.

Both Shearer and Sheringham left the field with a quarter-hour to go but England had already broken a whole host of records by this result.

England had not even scored two goals in a European Championship finals since 1980 when they beat Spain 2-1 — their opponents in the Wembley quarter-final at Wembley on Saturday.

They had not beaten Holland since 1982 and before the game Holland had just lost one of their last 20 games against British sides or eire.

England also got sweet revenge from being prevented a ticket to the 1994 World Cup by Holland.

Juventus Curse Strikes Italy

MANCHESTER, England, (AFP) — The curse of the European champions Juventus hangs over Italy as they head into Wednesday night's decider against Germany in the 'group of death'.

Buoyed up by defeating Ajax Amsterdam in Rome, Juventus players dominated the initial group of 22 players selected by Arrigo Sacchi for Euro 96, and seemed destined to guide Italy to victory.

Once criticised for his choices, Sacchi was jubilant about the make-up of his squad saying: "Now that Juventus have won the European Cup, no-one can criticise me for having seven Juventus players in the squad."

Instead, through a mixture of injury and poor form, they have been nothing but a curse to Italy's hopes of reaching the quarter-finals — and only one of the seven first announced by Sacchi will face Germany here.

The bad omens started appearing within days of Sacchi's choice, when Antonio Conte failed to recover from an injury he picked up in the final against Ajax. Ciro Ferrara was the next to go, injured even before the 'Squadra Azzurra' had left Italian soil.

On arrival in England, one after another has failed to impress the demanding Italian coach.

Whether it's on the pitch or in training, Moreno Torricelli, Angelo di Livio, Fabrizio Ravanelli and most of all, Alessandro Del Piero, have been bitter disappointments.

The only one to hold down a place in all three games has been goalkeeper Angelo Peruzzi, whose heroic performance in the penalty shoot-out with Ajax brought Juventus their European crown.

France Answers Critics in Best Way Possible

NEWCASTLE, England, (AFP) — France answered critics in the best way possible with a convincing 3-1 win over Bulgaria leaving Wednesday's sports daily L'Equipe proclaiming: "They fear no one."

Even a quarter-final against Holland at Anfield is unlikely to unsettle composed coach Aime Jacquet whose side is unbeaten in all 26 matches under him.

Jacquet has consistently strived to be his own man in selection matters despite critics saying he cannot do without Newcastle's David Ginola or Manchester United's Eric Cantona.

But goals from Laurent Blanc, a Luboslav Penev own goal and a late strike from Patrice Loko did better than any words from Jacqet to quieten the doubters.

So Close Scots Fail to Exploit English Gift

BIRMINGHAM, England, (AFP) — Scotland were left kicking themselves after they come within a whisker of reaching the Euro 96 quarter-finals after a 1-0 win over Switzerland on Tuesday.

For 17 minutes of the second half Scotland, leading the Swiss through a superb strike from ally McCoist, were in the the last eight of a major championships for the first time as England led Holland 4-0 at Wembley.

Scotland needed to beat Switzerland and for England to win by a four goal margin to go through.

But a late strike by Dutchman Patrick kluivert against the English, coupled with their own failure to find the net, left the Scottish as heroic losers once again.

In the end they only had themselves to blame after failing to convert their vast superiority as the Dutch crept through on goal difference.

A place in the last eight appeared in Scottish sights after a stunning goal by Veteran striker McCoist put them 1-0 up at the interval.

Alerted by the roar of their 15,000 fans — many clutching radios to their ears — that England were a goal up against the Dutch at Wembley, the Scots players sensed that qualification was suddenly on the cards.

But after a typically passionate display against a hopelessly ineffectual Swiss side, they were left regretting a series of missed chances after totally dominating the match.

McCoist was the culprit early on but he made up for his profligacy with a stunning strike after 37 minutes when he hit an unstoppable shot into the roof of the net from 25 yards from Gary McAllister's lay-off.

The goal was just reward for the Scots who poured forward in the opening exchanges, Rangers striker McCoist twice going close.

After five minutes John Collins swung over a corner from the right which McCoist hooked towards goal with an ambitious over head kick but Swiss keeper Marco Pascolo managed to beat out the ball on the line.



BIRMINGHAM,United Kingdom (June 18): Scotland's Colin Calderwood (L), Stuart McCall (R) and Switzerland's Stefane Chapuisat (C) in action during their European Soccer Championship match in Birmingham. Scotland won 1-0.

(AFP PHOTO)

Stoichkov's English League Dreams in Tatters

NEWCASTLE, England, (AFP) — Controversial Bulgarian striker Hristo Stoichkov's hopes of playing in the English League were in Tatters here Wednesday after he admitted making racist slurs against the French team.

The 30-year-old tried to justify his comments by claiming that it happens all the time.

French defender Marcel Desailly, who had battled face to face with Stoichkov throught the France-Bulgaria match on Tuesday afternoon which the French won 3-1, said he had been shocked by the attack on him.

But an unrepentent Stoichkov, whose three Euro 96 performances have caught the eye of Newcastle United manager Kevin Keegan, said he could not see what all the fuss was about.

The Football Association (FA) have been waging a campaign for over ten years to stamp out racial taunting against black players.

Former Manchester United star and now Inter Milan midfielder Paul Ince, Liverpool's John Barnes and Nottingham Forrest's Viv Anderson have all publicly complained about race attacks against them.

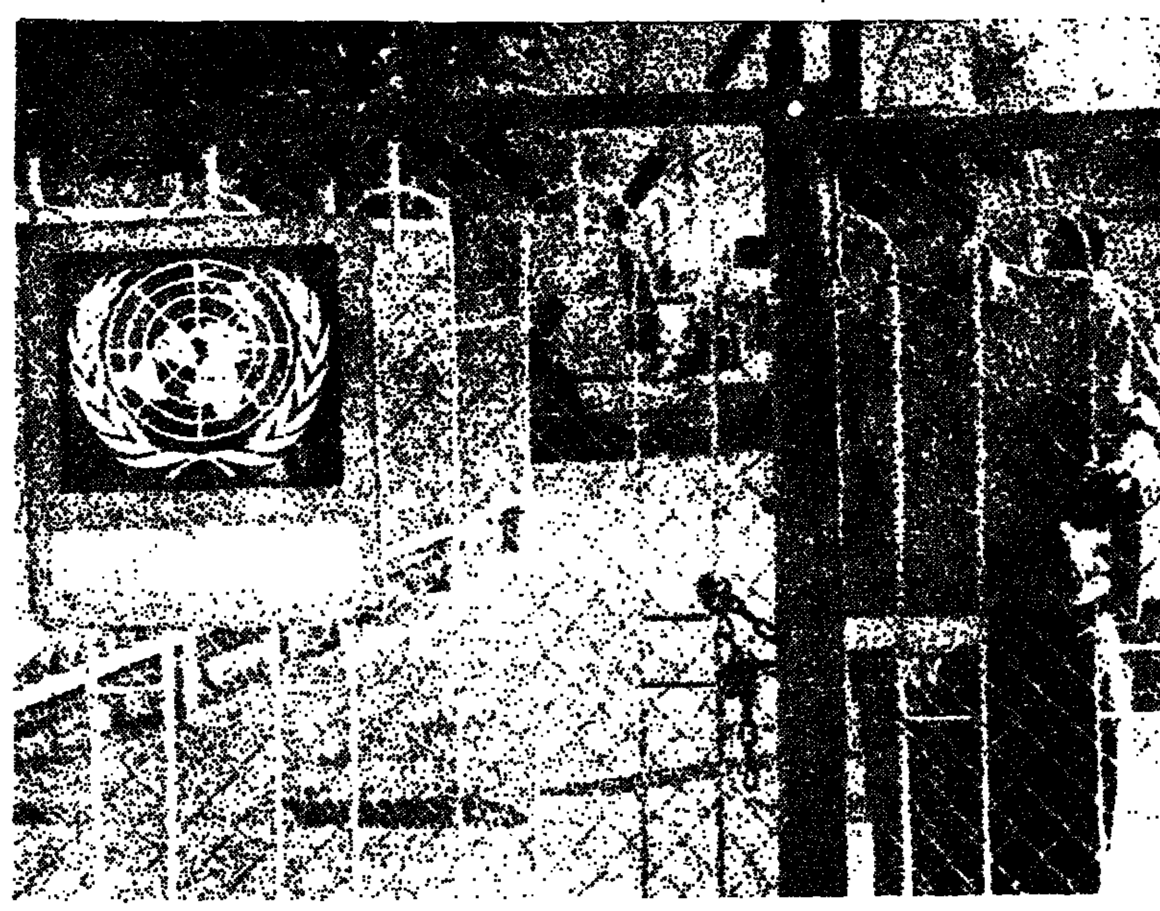
Fans even went as far as to throw bananas at Barnes during league matches.

Leading Euro 96 Scorers

LONDON, (AFP) —Leading goal scorers in Euro 96:

Alan Shearer (England)	4
Hristo Stoichkov (Bulgaria)	3
Pierluigi Casiraghi (Italy)	2
Jurgen Klinsmann (Germany)	2
Davor Suker (Croatia)	2
Teddy Sheringham (England)	2
Patrick Kluivert (Holland)	1
Kubilay Turkyilmaz (Switzerland)	1
Alfonso (Spain)	1
Andreas Moeller (Germany)	1
Christian Ziege (Germany)	1
Brian Laudrup (Denmark)	1
Sa Pinto (Portugal)	1
Christophe Dugarry (France)	1
Iliya Tsymbalar (Russia)	1
Goran Vlaovic (Croatia)	1
Jordi Cruyff (Holland)	1
Dennis Bergkamp (Holland)	1
Fernando Couto (Portugal)	1
Pavel Nedved (Czech Republic)	1
Radek Bejbl (Czech Republic)	1
Enrico Chiesa (Italy)	1
Paul Gascoigne (England)	1
Youri Djorkaeff (France)	1
Jose Luiz Caminero (Spain)	1
Matthias Sammer (Germany)	1
Zvonimir Boban (Croatia)	1
Florin Radiucioiu (Romania)	1
Javier Manjarin (Spain)	1
Guillermo Amor (Spain)	1
Laurent Blanc (France)	1
Patrice Loko (France)	1
Ally McCoist (Scotland)	1

NOTE: Luboslav Penev (Bulgaria) scored an own goal



BAGHDAD, Iraq (June 18): The United Nations headquarters in Baghdad under tight security on the eve of the arrival of UN special envoy Rolf Ekeus. Iraq urged June 18 Rolf Ekeus to take "seriously" its conditions for resolving a standoff with the UN over snap weapons searches.

(AFP PHOTO)

Ekeus Seeks Access to Iraqi Military Sites

BAGHDAD (AFP) — UN envoy Rolf Ekeus was branded a "liar" and a tool of the United States as he began a mission here Wednesday to urge Iraq to stop preventing his inspectors from searching sites suspected of harboring banned weapons material.

Ekeus, chairman of the UN Special Commission (UNSCOM) on disarming Iraq, arrived in Baghdad from Bahrain and would start talks here later Wednesday with Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz and other senior Iraqis, UN officials said.

He said in Bahrain Tuesday that "Iraq must allow the inspection team to visit and inspect, immediately and unconditionally, all the sites, all the installations and all the equipment that we deem necessary."

The former Swedish diplomat arrived with his personal staff and Nikita Smidovich, a Russian ballistic weapons expert whose team was denied complete or partial access to five sites during a five-day standoff last week.

Ekeus told the Saudi daily *Asharq al-Awsat* meanwhile that Iraq remained a "threat to the region" because it still had at least six missiles and their launchers.

A site at Abu Gharib west of Baghdad, which the Iraqis barred access to last week, may contain "nuclear material, other material linked to missiles and documents on arms purchases," he also told the newspaper.

Iraq said Friday that inspections of the Republican Guard sites could only take place in the presence of Ekeus and Aziz, but its terms were rejected by the UN Security Council which has demanded unconditional access.

A team of 54 inspectors led by Smidovich was pulled out of Iraq on Sunday by the UN and returned to Manama after Iraq for five days refused access to Republican Guard sites which they deemed vital to the nation's security.

UN officials said Wednesday all the inspectors except Smidovich would start leaving Bahrain for their home countries.

Ekeus said in Manama, where he arrived from New York, that he hoped the firm rebuff from the Security Council would be seen by Baghdad as a "clear demonstration of the will of the international community."

But Salah al-Mukhtar, a prominent Iraqi editorialist, accused Ekeus of being "a liar and a tool of the Americans" who sought to violate Iraqi sovereignty by entering military sites to "slander the Iraqis."

True Path MP Resigns

ANKARA (AFP) — Former Prime Minister Tansu Ciller's True Path Party lost a member Wednesday to the newly revived great Turkey party, the Anatolia news agency reported.

The conservative True Path Party remains the second largest formation in the 550-seat Parliament with 132 MPs, behind the pro-Islamic Welfare Party, which has 158.

Welfare leader and Prime Minister-designate Necmettin Erbakan and Ciller discussed an alliance last week but failed to agree on who would become prime minister in a joint government.

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LEBED'S....

appointed Tuesday as the new Russian Security Council secretary, was "silly."

Lebed said that sacked Russian Defense Minister Pavel Grachev, five other generals and the Georgian defense chief had plotted Tuesday to "put the troops on alert to put pressure on the president" following Grachev's sacking.

In the Parliament, there were angry and mystified reactions to Lebed's televized, but so far unsubstantiated accusations.

The defense and national security committees of the Lower House, the State Duma, began an inquiry.

The National Security Committee chief, Viktor Ilyukhin said "There was no attempt to mobilize the troops. Grachev's allies met, but there was no plot," saying he had "absolutely sure" sources.

Georgia's Defense Minister Vardiko Nadibaidze denied any role, saying "I could not and I did not have the right to discuss, nor to mention or involve myself in what was going on in Moscow."

According to President Boris Yeltsin's important new ally, who came third with 15 percent of the vote in the first round of the presidential elections on Sunday, he immediately squashed any chances of the plot being carried out.

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ISRAEL....

The Israeli Ambassador Zvi Halpern, said in his report that his caution was based on fears that Turkey will get a Cabinet dominated by Islamists hostile to ties with the Zionist state, according to the radio.

The Foreign Ministry would not confirm or deny the existence of such a report.

Israel and Turkey are already linked by a military cooperation accord allowing their air forces to train in each other's skies. It has come under heavy criticism from Arab states who see it as a threat to their security.

The Israeli and Turkish navies are also to stage joint military maneuvers in the Mediterranean in several weeks.

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BOSNIAN....

According to the Bosnian Serb SRNA news agency, Karadzic did not turn up for the session, but vice presidents Biljana Plavsic and Nikola Koljevic were there along with Prime Minister Gojko Klickovic.

Karadzic is reported to have taken a back seat role in public life. Under the Dayton accords, anyone indicted by the UN Tribunal is not allowed to hold public office.

However, despite the presence in Bosnia of some 60,000 NATO-led peacekeeping troops, neither he nor Mladic has been apprehended.

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NATIONAL....

ary was comprised of penal, civil, public and revolutionary courts but after that the courts were classified into two categories: public and revolutionary.

Reevaluating the advantages and deficiencies of the new system is also among topics on the seminar's agenda, the ayatollah said.

According to the ayatollah, about 3,000 women employees are working in different positions in the Judiciary.

Although at present we have no women working as public prosecutor, expert females are working as legal advisors and judges at chamber especially in tutelage offices whose major clients are women.

Some 1,200 women have applied for the national test for employment in the Judicial system.

The Judiciary Week, June 21 to 27, marks the martyrdom anniversary of the former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Shahid Ayatollah Seyed Mohammad Husseini Beheshti who was among 72 officials of the Islamic government martyred in a bomb blast planted by the terrorist Mojahedin Khlaq Organization (MKO) in the office of the then Islamic Republic Party on June 27, 1981.

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ARAB....

of this dangerous situation," he told the Palestinian daily newspaper *Al-Ayyam*.

Meanwhile according to AFP, the official *Syrian Times* said fears that the Middle East peace process was facing its "gravest danger" since its launch in 1991 had been justified by Netanyahu's hardline government program.

And it raised doubts as to "what is meant by pre-conditions" after Netanyahu called on Syria, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia to hold direct talks without any pre-conditions.

"Doesn't this mean that he blows off the basics of the peace process" by ignoring the principle of land-for-peace, the newspaper said. "This policy is an open and candid contradiction of the peace process."

Netanyahu told the Israeli Parliament as he presented his new Cabinet on Tuesday: "I make an appeal to all Arab leaders, and in particular President Assad of Syria, Lebanon's President Hrawi and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, let's negotiate directly a peace agreement which will save the Middle East, without preconditions."

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LIFE-SUSTAINING...

measures regarding the aged, the ESCAP member states approved a general framework for lifelike preparation for elderly, he added.

The member states also agreed on providing them with health and financial support and making uptodate the knowledge of the retired specialists. Facilitating their social and environmental living conditions was also among different topics agreed upon.

In the light of the sublime Islamic values, Iran is among those countries greatly respecting the old, Jazaayeri said stressing that the culture should be taught to the younger generations.

Iran ranks second among the world's young countries. According to the latest census, 41.7 of the country's total population are between 0 to 14 years old, and 20,500,000 between 0-20.

Pointing to the fact that today's young generation is tomorrow's aged, he called on the nation to take into consideration the fact and think about certain policies for the years to come.

Jazaayeri added that according to the United Nation 1994 report, out of every 11 persons worldwide one is above 60.

The report also predicted that in 2025, of every 7 persons one will be above 60.

He called it a warning for the world which urges the nations to pay due attention to this stratum of society.

Asked about the measures taken by Iran for the aged, Jazaayeri said, along with commemorating September 30 as the Day of the Aged, the government has allotted subsidies for charity centers and community of retired people.

Also providing the aged with certain aids which they need for like walking sticks, hearing aids and glasses is among other measures the government has taken in a bid to help them.

Regarding other measures provided by the government, he said allocating 70,000,000 rials to the *Kahrizak* House of the Aged and the Disabled yearly is another governmental aid to the aged.

Touching other activities of the welfare organization, Jazaayeri said, the organization is in charge of social welfare and security, provides financial and social services to the deprived families, widows, orphans, drug addicts, disabled and the aged.

Presenting social services, rehabilitation and educational facilities and taking measures for preventing social malices are the main domains in which the organization is active.

He outlined other characteristics of the organization as providing genetic and family consultation, pre-school and nursery education.

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NETANYAHU

Israeli public radio said the Cabinet discussion focused primarily on the creation of a U.S.-style national security council which would give the prime minister more direct control on defense and other security-related matters.

The Cabinet was also due to approve shifting control over state radio and television from the Communications Ministry to the prime minister's office.

The first Cabinet session was held without the presence of Likud hardliner Ariel Sharon, who had not yet decided whether to accept an offer from Netanyahu to become national infrastructure minister.

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SIXTH....

tuality, said the Vice President in Parliamentary Affairs Ataollah Mohajerani in his opening speech.

Mohajerani said that Zoroaster had spent the third decade of his life reflecting on the existence, nature and spirit of human beings, and after this period he found the only God.

Despite some beliefs, the religion of Zoroaster is the religion of monotheism, and the tune of dualism observed in some of his sayings refers to *Ahriman*, i.e., Satan which is the evil power against the human being; as observed in other religions such as Islam, Mohajerani said.

There is a myth or maybe a belief that when Zoroaster was born he was laughing instead of crying, Mohajerani said, adding that "Whether a myth or truth, it is the laughter of affection and love which influenced the faith of Zoroaster. If we develop enmity, corruption and darkness, we have behaved against the religion. This is the common thing which is reiterated in all of the Holy Books.

Also, in the opening ceremony, adviser to the foreign minister, Hojjatoleslam Mohammad Javad Hojjati Kermani, asked all Zoroastrians to send the message of affection, love, humanity and unity all over the world. He also asked every Zoroastrian to aim for the flourishing and construction of our land.

Hojjati also asked Zoroastrians to represent the true image of the Islamic Republic of Iran all over the world.

Meanwhile, Zoroastrian Majlis Deputy Parveez Ravani stressed three major Zoroastrian beliefs: "*Good Thoughts, Good Words, and Good Deeds*". He hoped that Iranian Zoroastrians would aim at the development of their country based on these three beliefs.

To be honest to the political system of the Islamic Republic of Iran, to attempt to reinforce the society's economic condition, and to struggle for the development of purity and virtue are among the religious and historical traditions of Zoroastrians, Ravani said.

Ravani also expressed appreciation for the cooperation of the officials of the Islamic Republic in holding the congress.

The executive manager of the Sixth World Zoroastrian Congress, Dr. Mahyar Ardeshiri, wished that the theme of the congress would come true all around the world for the purpose of preserving the cultural and religious heritage, and development of society.

About 200 Zoroastrians from India, Pakistan, Dubai, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Britain, France, Italy, and a total of 600 Iranian Zoroastrians attended the four-day congress.

A few messages from the World Zoroastrian Association (WZO) and other Zoroastrian associations around the world were read at the inauguration ceremony.

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TURKEY....

Ministry spokesman Omer Akbel Said Gonensay sent a letter to his Arab counterparts who will join the summit explaining Turkey's stand on sharing the Euphrates. The letter was pointedly not sent to Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa.

"The letter did not issue any warnings, it was only to clarify our position," Akbel said.

WEATHER

The I.R. of Iran Meteorological Organization announced today's weather as follows:

Forecast for Tehran: Max. temp. 35°C, Min. temp. 22°C

Clear to partly cloudy with wind

Warmest Point:
Minab 47°C

Coldest Point:
Firoozkouh 7°C

Some cities of the world

Cities	Max. °C	Cities	Max. °C
Jedda	32	Vienna	–
Riyadh	–	Moscow	20
Istanbul	–	Madrid	30
Rome	25	Abu Dhabi	37
Athens	–	Karachi	39
London	21	New Delhi	25
Paris	22	Kuwait	43
Frankfurt	–		

Over 1m Displaced by War Return to Their Hometowns

TEHRAN (IRNA) – More than one million people who had become homeless during the 1980-1988 Iraqi-imposed war have returned to their cities during the last four years, the President's Special Representative at the Headquarters for Reconstruction of the War-Stricken Areas, Mohammad Hashemi, said here Wednesday.

Speaking to a gathering of the staff of the headquarters this morning, he stressed that special facilities will only be provided to those who now want to return to their homes.

Meanwhile, Jalilian, another official at the headquarters said that welfare facilities and services have been made available to facilitate return of the war displaced.

4,000 houses have been constructed in the war-stricken areas which will be offered to those families who have lost their bread winners.

India to Extend Federal Rule in Troubled Kashmir

NEW DELHI (AFP) — The Indian government on Wednesday said it would extend direct federal rule in the troubled state of Kashmir by six more months to December 17, officials here said.

"There is no option but to extend the president's rule in the northern state," Home Secretary K. Padmanabhaiah said.

The strife-torn province would come under direct administrative control of the Indian government only after President Shankar Dayal Sharma endorses federal rule in Kashmir.

Padmanabhaiah said elections to the state legislature would not be affected by the extention of presidential rule in Kashmir.

"The government is keen to hold state (legislative) elections (in Kashmir) as early as possible and it will be held during the extended period of (federal) rule," Padmanabhaiah said.

Parliamentary polls in Kashmir, boycotted by political parties and Muslim activists, were conducted in May. The Congress (I) Party of former Premier P.V. Narasimha Rao has won four of the state's six federal seats.

More than 12,000 people have been killed in Kashmir, India's only Muslim-majority state, since 1989.

TEHRAN (June 19)--Graduating ceremonies for the Associate of Arts degree for Afghan trainees. The ceremony was held in the presence of Foreign Ministry officials, representatives of international organizations, of the Professional and Vocational Training Institute, the Afghan ambassador, and a number of Afghan representatives. Awards were presented to 24 Afghan trainees who had been trained for more than two years in the Professional and Vocational Institute of Karaj. Mojtaba Takin — Tehran Times

Greece, Armenia Call For Expansion of Joint Cooperation With Iran

ATHENS (IRNA) – Greece and Armenia on Tuesday called for wider cooperation to include the Islamic Republic of Iran for regional peace and stability, following talks between Greek Foreign Minister Theodoros Pangalos and his Armenian counterpart Vahan Papazian.

"During our talks we ascertained the presence of a number of countries which can be described as countries with similar orientation and which belong to various regional groups," Pangalos told a joint press conference with Papazian after their 60-minute talk.

Pangalos explained that similar orientation means "respect of borders, the ethnic identity of the citizens, the need for peaceful cooperation, a policy of good neighborliness which is not based on threats and use of force."

"The nucleus of this cooperation can be Armenia, Greece, Iran and we shall try to convince Georgia to join in," said Pangalos.

"This cooperation is not closed. In future, other countries of the region can be included, especially Arab states."

"We believe that the participation of these countries of regional grouping - Armenia is in the Caucasus, Iran is an Islamic state and Greece a Europen Union member - ves the merit in all its dimensions... and it is not a cooperation of interests, but a cooperation of countries," Pangalos added.

In reply to IRNA's question, Papazian said a meeting on the level of experts from the three countries would be held to discuss the prospects of joint cooperation before a meeting of the foreign ministers.

"We have already had a successfull cooperation between Armenia, Iran and Turkmenistan," stressed Papazian.

The two ministers discussed regional and international developments and bilateral political, economic and defense cooperation.

Pangalos said Greece will help Armenia in its European orientation and to become a member of the Council of Europe.

He said Greek-Armenian defense cooperation includes training of military personnel and in defense industry.

Pangalos said Armenia can help in training the Greek side in the use of arms which Greece had purchased from Eastern Europe.

Armeninan Defense Minister Vargen Sargisian was to meet his Greek counterpart Gerasimos Arsenis in Athens later Tuesday to sign a defense cooperation agreement.

Pangalos and Papazian also signed a cooperation agreement in the sectors of health, transport and public order.

Papazian and Sargisian are accompanying Armenian President Levon Ter-Petrosyan who arrived in Athens on Monday on a 2-day official visit at the invitation of Greek President Kostis Stephanopoulos.

The two countries Monday signed a friendship and cooperation agreement to boost bilateral relations.

Greece and Armenia established diplomatic ties five years ago, while a Greek Embassy was opened in Yerevan in 1994.

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...ich were never substantiated.

Indeed, it is surprising to see that foreign national who has killed innocent people under the Iran Islamic government has left the country without even being interrogated, not to mention being punished based on the Islamic laws.

The fervent Iranians are invited to attend the ceremony at Imam Ali (S) Mosque at the following address:

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Iran Serves as a Model for Muslim Countries

QAZVIN, Tehran Province (IRNA) – The representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Iran, Dr. Morteza Mirmotahhari, said here Tuesday that the Islamic Republic of Iran could serve as a model for other Islamic countries in the field of family planning and health affairs.

Talking in Qazvin (150 kms west of Tehran), Mirmotahhari referred to the UNFPA assistance to Iran in the different fields of health care of mothers and infants, pregnancy and family planning.

He added that plans such as survey on population, research on population issues, training of midwives in villages, setting up of training and service centers for family planning are in progress in cooperation with the Iranian Health Ministry.

Members of Three Governing Boards of Majlis Elected

TEHRAN (IRNA) – Members of governing boards of another three commissions of the Majlis were elected Tuesday.

They were Seyed Morteza Nabavi, Mahmoud Astaneh, Asadollah Razavi, Hassan Shakhes, Mohammad Reza Khabbaz and Habibollah Rashidi, with the Economy, Finance and Cooperatives Commission of the Majlis.

Abdul Ghaffar Shoja, Gholam Abbas Alikhani, Enayatollah Tourang, Hemmatollah Beig Moradi, Shamshoun Maqssoud Poursayr and Ahmad Nasseri Gohar with the Agriculture and Rural Development Commission.

Mohammad Ali Sheikh, Seyed Mohammad Reza Milani Hosseini, Ali Al-e Kazemi, Mohammad Ebrahim Maddahi, Hosseini Ali Qasemzadeh, and Abdullah Hajiani with the Culture and Higher Education Commission of the Majlis.

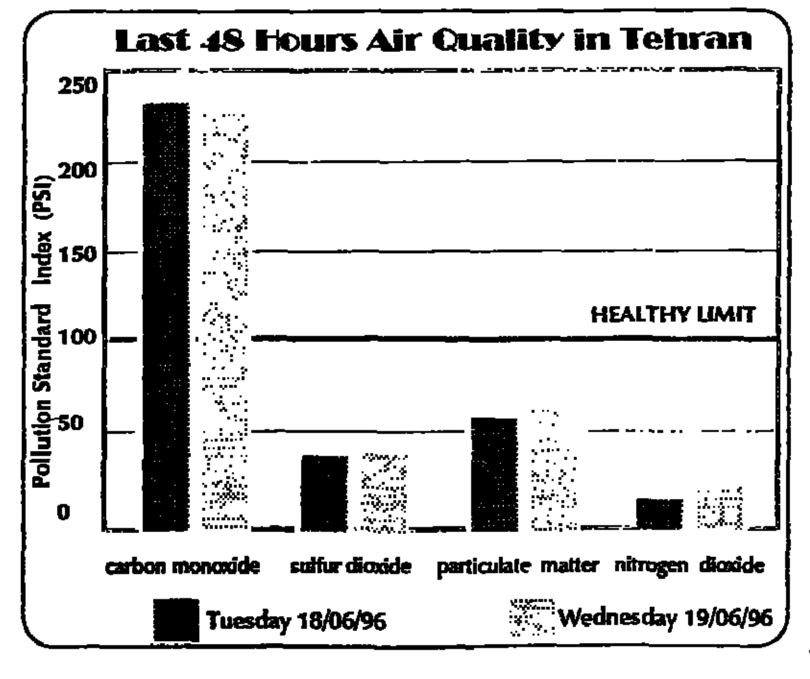
Thus far members of governing boards of nine commissions of the Majlis have been elected.

Iran's Quake Sends Shockwaves Into Armenia

MOSCOW (IRNA) – The Seismological Center of Yerevan in the Republic of Armenia said in a communique Tuesday that the tremor which hit the cities of Maku and Khoy in Iran's West Azarbaijan Province, at 08:11 hours GMT had also shaken southern Armenia and the city of Yerevan across Iran's northwestern border.

The termor in Armenia has reportedly not caused any damage.

The epicenter of the 4.9 degree tremor was registered near the city of Jolfa on the borders of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Autonomous Republic of Nakhichevan.



Tigers, Troops Trade Fire

COLOMBO (AFP) – Security forces ambushed Tamil Tiger guerrillas in northeastern Sri Lanka, killing at least five rebels as the militants gunned down six civilians in the region, the Defence Ministry said Wednesday.

Government forces attacked the guerrillas of the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in the district of Trincomalee and destroyed three abandoned rebel hideouts on Tuesday, the ministry said.

It said there were no casualties among the security forces but the Tigers fired automatic weapons and killed six employees of the Survey General's Department in the same district on Tuesday.

Tehran-Madrid Relations Discussed

MADRID (IRNA) – Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Spain, Bahram Qasemi, conferred with the Secretary General of the Spanish Foreign Policy Commission and European Union member, Carlos Baster Rece Monday night.

The two sides surveyed mutual relations and expressed satisfaction over the progress achieved in this respect. They also stressed on expansion of relations in different fields.

Iran's relations with the European Union also figured in during the meeting with the two officials voicing hope for greater efforts towards understanding and promotion in this regard.

Qasemi invited Baster Rece to visit Iran and the latter accepted the invitation.

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College of Dramatic Arts. During his many years of collaboration with T.V he produced over 50 educational and entertaining programs for children. He directed his first feature film *The City of Mice* in 1985. His subsequent films are *The Finish Line* (1985), *The Wilderness* (1988), *The Boots* (1992) and *Ticktack* (1994).



TALEBI

Synopsis:

Hassan, a nine-year-old boy, is awarded a watch as prize at school. His classmate Saeid feels that he too deserves a prize and that he has been neglected because of his grandfathers lack of interest in Saeid's fortune and his school performance.

This causes a rift in the two boys' friendship. Eventually, however, the two boys resolve the differences and their close friendship continues.

Courtesy Farabi Cinema Foundation Publications

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Egyptian Man Forsakes Daughters for New-Born Son

CAIRO (Reuter) – An Egyptian father handed over his eight daughters to the police so he could devote himself to raising his long-awaited baby boy, newspapers reported.

They said 50-year-old Sayed Abd al-Fatah Ali dragged his wife and daughters, aged one to 17, to the police station where he abandoned them. He also threatened to divorce the mother if she returned home with her daughters who say he mistreated them, the newspapers said.

Police have a warrant for his arrest.

Veggie Bus Driver Sues Over Burger Coupon Firing

LOS ANGELES (Reuter) – A vegetarian bus driver fired for refusing to hand out hamburger coupons to passengers has filed a lawsuit alleging he was unfairly dismissed and discriminated against because of his beliefs.

Bruce Anderson had been employed as a bus driver for the Orange County Transit Authority for five years.

He argued it was against his beliefs and suggested several alternatives, including putting the coupons in a container on the bus for passengers to take themselves.

Army Helicopters Collide, At Least 6 Dead

FORT CAMPBELL, Kentucky (AP) – Two U.S. Army transport helicopters collided and plummeted to the ground just before soldiers were to descend to a mockup of a downed helicopter for a drill. Six people were killed and at least 16 were injured.

The accident - the military's second fatal helicopter collision in just over a month - occurred Tuesday afternoon when the propellers of the two UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters hit each other, Lt. Col. Ray Whitehead said at army headquarters at the Pentagon.

An army official at the Pentagon, speaking on condition of anonymity, said six people were killed and at least 16 injured.

The helicopters fell from treetop level, and narrowly avoided crashing directly on top of the area where soldiers on the ground were lying around a plywood mockup of another helicopter, said Maj. Joe Howell, a post spokesman who witnessed the crash.

Howell, who was clearly shaken, said he did not believe the helicopters had gotten into position yet to let the soldiers rappel out.

At least 35 people were involved in the accident, but it was unclear exactly how many were injured. Howell said at least two civilians watching the exercise suffered minor injuries from flying debris.

Four of the injured were in critical condition at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. The rest were being treated at the hospital on post.

Howell said a group of about 22 civilians were watching the mock medical evacuation. The two helicopters were to hover overhead and soldiers were to descend down on ropes to treat the injured and then airlift them away.

Howell said one civilian videotaped the accident. The tape has been turned over to army investigators from Fort Rucker, Alabama.

White House Revamping Security Office

WASHINGTON (AFP) – The White House announced Wednesday it was reorganizing security operations amid a nascent scandal over its improper acquisition of 400 confidential FBI files, many on political opponents of President Bill Clinton.

The overhaul will include merging three offices which currently have responsibilities in doing background checks on White House personnel, White House lawyer Jack Quinn said in a report.

Quinn emphasized Easley's status as a career official. That is in contrast to Craig Livingstone, a 37-year-old political appointee who is on administrative leave as a result of the scandal.

Kenya Closes Rwandan Embassy in Nairobi

NAIROBI (AFP) – Kenya has ordered the closure of the Rwandan Embassy in Nairobi because Kigali refused to waive the diplomatic immunity of one of its diplomats accused of attempting to assassinate former Rwandan Interior Minister Seth Sendashonga.

A government statement obtained by AFP on Wednesday said the embassy would be closed with effect from Thursday.

Kenya had asked Rwanda to lift the diplomatic immunity of Francis Mugabo, an administrative attache at the embassy, to be tried for the attempt on the life of Sendashonga who came to the Kenyan capital after being dismissed from the government last August.

"The Kenyan government has all along given the government of Rwanda the option of either waiving the diplomatic immunity or closing the Rwandan Embassy in Nairobi.

Mugabo has been in police custody since he was arrested following the assassination bid in February.

British Cull Concession Raises Hopes for Peace in Beef War

BRUSSELS (AFP) – Britain on Wednesday bowed to its European Union partners and agreed to broaden a cull of cattle judged most at risk of "mad cow" disease, removing a key obstacle to a deal to the beef crisis being struck at Friday's summit of EU leaders in Florence.

But the prospects of an accord at Florence which would allow Britain to call off its policy of disruption of EU business continued to be clouded in uncertainty.

The European Commission made clear that Britain would have to make another major concession by ruling out a resumption of British beef exports to Africa and Asia before the ban is lifted in Europe.

The demand had been a key element of the framework for dismantling the embargo put forward by London, but was dropped from the document the commission will table at Florence if Britain agrees to abandon non-cooperation.

"It is a question of ethics," commission President Jacques Santer said. "We cannot stop our consumers eating a certain kind of meat and authorize it for others".

Santer's comments directly contradicted British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind's assertion that the commission's framework was "very similar" to the ideas put forward by London.



WASHINGTON, DC, United States (June 18): A throng of reporters converge on a table setup at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC to get a copy of the final report issued by the Senate Whitewater Committee. The publication, which harshly criticized first lady Hillary Clinton, capped more than one year of hearings and inquiries by a special Senate committee created to investigate the Whitewater affair. (AFP PHOTO)

Gerry Adams Told to Break With IRA



LISBURN, Northern Ireland (June 18): British soldiers man a vehicle at a checkpoint on the main Belfast to Dublin road near Lisburn after a step up in security in parts of Northern Ireland. The operation led by the Royal Ulster Constabulary concentrated in the greater Belfast area as well as parts of Country Armagh. (AFP PHOTO)

BELFAST (AFP) -- Gerry Adams, leader of the Irish Republican Army's political wing Sinn Fein, faces intense pressure from both London and Dublin to condemn the IRA's terrorist activities, which continue to bar his party from ongoing peace talks in Belfast.

A fresh plenary session of these multi-party talks, 10 days after their formal opening, was due to take place Wednesday in Belfast between the British and Irish governments, and the Protestant and Catholic parties of Ulster.

Sinn Fein remains exluded because the IRA has refused so far to reinstate the 17-month cease-fire it broke in February with a massive bomb in London.

The pressure has been mounting on Adams since early this week, not only to obtain a new IRA cease-fire, but to dissociate Sinn Fein clearly from the IRA's terror tactics.

Bangladesh's Second Round of Voting Ends Peacefully

COMILLA, Bangladesh (AFP) — A second round of voting, crucial for premier-in-waiting Sheikh Hasina Wajed to win an absolute parliamentary majority, ended with a good turnout despite rains and fears of violence.

Witnesses said voter turnout was good and so far there was only one report of a failed attempt to disrupt polling.

Military officials told AFP that a group of "miscreants" were obstructing voters from coming to the remote Bauria center by indiscriminately firing gun shots to create panic.

According to the latest reports, the Awami League of Prime Minister-apparent Sheikh Hasina Wajed has so far won seven seats, and the arch-rival BNP of Khaleda Zia six.

The Jatiya Party (JP) of jailed former President Hussain Muhammad Ershad has taken two seats in the repolling, held in 27 constituencies where violence during last week's general elections spoiled voting.

Heat Wave Toll Mounts to 23 in Karachi

KARACHI (AFP) – A heat wave in southern Pakistan's port city of Karachi entered its fourth day Wednesday, killing seven more people and bringing the death toll to 23, hospital officials and volunteers said.

Dozens of people suffering from heat-stroke were admitted to hospitals as temperatures persisted above 40 degrees (104 deg. Fahrenheit), with hot and dry winds lashing the city, they said.

Rain-Toll Nears 200, India on Cyclone Alert

NEW DELHI (AFP) -- India sounded a warning after a cyclone slammed the country's west as the death toll from torrential rains neared 200 across several states, officials said.

Life was paralyzed in Bombay as a squall snapped power and communications, disrupted rail and road traffic and washed away scores of beachside shops into the Arabian Sea.

The stormy sea pushed three merchant vessels including a Brazilian ship and a state-owned oil rig ashore near Bombay, state capital of Maharashtra, as the overnight rain-related toll rose to 27 in the province, police said.

A mudslide buried alive six people in a shantytown near Bombay on Wednesday. The police said the collapse flattened an unspecified number of shanties on a hillock in the district of Thane, burying a family of farm workers.

Six others died elsewhere in Maharashtra, the police added.

The Fire Department said hundreds of trees were uprooted in Bombay, adding that several low-lying areas were flooded with rain water.

The Weather Office said heavy rains and gale-force winds would continue over the city of 12 million people, which is also India's commercial hub.

INTERNATIONAL BRIEFS



MOSCOW - A businessman with close links to the Kremlin, Boris Fyodorov, was badly wounded in an attack in central Moscow overnight.

DHAKA - Police fired on a group of trouble makers in a repolling center in eastern Comilla district Wednesday leaving three people injured.

JAKARTA - The Indonesian Democracy Party Wednesday announced it had expelled the 16 members of its executive board who are challenging the leadership of party chairwoman Megawati Sukarnoputri.

LAON - A Vietnamese national was jailed for life in France for a triple murder in 1992 sparked by jealousy. Truong Phung Hoang, 35, was found guilty of killing his partner, her three-year-old son and her mother.

KABUL - Thieves stole $70,000 from a United Nations office in Afghanistan's war-weary capital.

ANXLAND - Fire gutted a black church in eastern Maryland Wednesday in the latest in a series of blazes at predominantly black congregations.



NEW DELHI, India: Trade unions forced the government to backtrack on its austerity plans by threatening countrywide strike. The Communist Party has also attacked the government policies.

(AFP PHOTO)

Indian Govt. Backtracks After Protests

NEW DELHI (AFP) — India's new government on Tuesday quickly backtracked on its proposed austerity drive, which would have triggered job cuts, after powerful trade unions threatened a countrywide strike.

The United Front government said its measures, aimed at pruning fiscal deficit from the 1997-98 budget, would not lead to retrenchment or any reduction in the wages of the millions on government payrolls.

"There would be no retrenchment of any employee in any central government ministry, organization or public sector undertaking," the Finance Ministry said in a detailed note.

"There will be no reduction in the wages of government employees," it added.

The government reaction came soon after India's dominant Communist Party came out strongly against the Finance Ministry directives of Monday threatening a wage freeze and lay-offs as part of a sweeping austerity drive.

The Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) said in a hard-hitting statement that Finance Minister Palanippan Chidambaram's policies were a brazen assault on government employees.

The CPI-M, the largest leftist group in the Indian Parliament, accused the fledgling government of Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, who took office on June 1, of launching a "war" on the working class.

Wajed's Govt. Plans Drastic Cut in Public Expenditure



SHEIKH HASINA WAJED, BANGLADESH PREMIER

DHAKA (AFP) — As the Awami League prepares to form Bangladesh's next government, its policy makers have started planning huge cuts in the next national budget, party sources say.

A "drastic cut in public expenditure, rationalization of tax structure and increased investments in social sectors will be the salient features of our budget," the party's finance secretary, Ataur Rahman Khan Kaiser, told AFP.

Rationalization would simplify the tax system, lowering taxes in some cases, but raising them overall.

He said public expenditure would be reduced by austerity measures that would bring down administrative costs, with special attention to deficit financing.

The budget is usually presented in Parliament in June, but it was deferred because of this month's elections and because the current government is a caretaker. The financial year starts July 1.

Wahiduddin Mahmud, the government's finance and planning advisor, has warned that the new government would face serious financial constraints and would likely be forced to make cuts.

The Awami League, which emerged as the single largest party in the 300-seat Parliament with 135 seats, and its chief, Sheikh Hasina Wajed, is set to form a government next week with support already assured by jailed former President Hussain Muhammad Ershad's Jatiya Party.

FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday, June 22

CAIRO - (Moved from June 21) Arab summit to discuss future of Middle East peace in context of new Israeli government (to June 23). Formal opening session held at Cairo International Conference Center, followed by closed-door sessions.

SEOUL - Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto visits South Korea (to June 23).

JAKARTA - Indonesia air show '96 (to June 30).

JAKARTA - Australian Defense Minister Ian McLachlan visits (to June 24).

STUTTGART - Ethnic Germans from the former Soviet Union gather for annual meeting 0900 GMT.

BANJUL - Voter registration for Gambian elections ends expected to be followed by lifting of ban on political parties.



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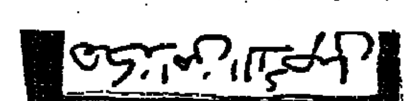
In the Name of God

Pesticides International Tender Notice

The Agricultural Support Services Company (ASSC), a component of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Islamic Republic of Iran, is considering the purchase of five items of pesticides for disinfecting wheat seeds through an international tender from their basic producers and/or formulators under the license of basic producers and/or trading companies officially representing the two former groups of companies and/or also local producers or formulators inside Iran. Regarding those items the production or formulation of which are possible inside Iran, priority shall be given to local producers and formulators under equal condition.

Those interested to participate in the tender are invited to the headquarters of ASSC at No. 73, Zartosht Street, Vali-e-Asr Avenue, Tehran, Iran from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. every day except Thursdays and Fridays to receive the list of the items and the terms and conditions of the tender.

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TV Programs

Thursday Evening, June 20

National Network. Channel 1:

13:10 Focus on Family
14:00 News
14:30 Focus on Family
15:00 Kids Corner
16:30 News
17:00 Children's Program
18:00 Jobs at Home
18:15 Lessons From the Holy Qoran
19:00 News
19:15 Focus on Imam Khomeini (RA)
19:45 Religious Program
19:50 Family Talks
20:25 Review of Day's Major News Stories
20:47 Call to Prayer (Azan)
20:51 Religious Program
21:00 News
21:30 Focus on War
22:00 Weekly Quiz Show
22:45 Commercials
23:00 Feature Movie

National Network. Channel 2:

13:10 Religious Program
13:15 Interlude
13:30 Century of Car
14:00 Iranian TV Series
14:45 Educational Program
15:00 Chemistry
15:30 Meteorology
16:00 Preuniversity Program
17:00 Focus on Living (teaching requirements of life)
18:00 Tae Kwon Do
18:15 Scientific Program
19:00 Children's Program
20:00 Religion Program
20:30 Scientific-Cultural News
20:47 Call to Prayer (Azan)
20:51 Witness
21:15 Weekly Political Discussion
21:40 Iranian TV Series
22:30 News
22:45 Interlude
23:00 The Great Philosophers
24:00 Research

National Network. Channel 3:

16:00 National Anthem of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Recitations from the Holy Qoran
16:15 Religious Program
16:45 Sports Program
19:00 For Tomorrow
19:45 Sports News
20:00 Foreign TV Series
20:30 Interlude
20:47 Call to Prayer (Azan)
20:51 (To be announced)
21:15 Sports Quiz Show
21:35 Third Smile (comic)
22:45 News (in English)

National Network. Tehran Channel:

17:00 National Anthem of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Recitations from the Holy Qoran
17:15 Sports Program
17:30 Advisors
18:30 Tehran News
18:45 Report on Tehran
19:00 Until Tomorrow
19:30 Feature Movie
19:45 Travelling
20:00 Nature
20:15 Commercial Program
20:47 Call to Prayer (Azan)
20:51 Wild Life
21:00 Introducing Tehran Districts
21:30 Theater
22:00 News
22:15 Report on Tehran
22:30 *Komeil* Prayer
23:30 Report on European Nations' Cup

Friday Morning, June 21

National Network. Channel 1:

Channel 1 doesn't broadcast on Friday morning.

National Network. Channel 2:

08:00 National Anthem of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Recitations from the Holy Qoran
08:15 Scientific Program
08:45 Great Philosophers
09:30 Interesting Places and Events
10:00 Children's Program
12:00 Witness
12:30 Literature Program
13:06 Call to Prayer (Azan)

National Network. Channel 3:

07:30 National Anthem of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Recitations from the Holy Qoran
07:45 Basketball
08:45 Third Smile (comic)
09:30 Digest
10:30 Foreign TV Series
11:15 Religious Program

House Makes It Easier to Probe Church Fires



ROCKY POINT, NC, United States (June 17): Hills Chapel Baptist, a century-old black church in Rocky Point, NC, seen in aerial view, was destroyed by fire, leaving only portions of the west wall standing. It was the second church fire in less than two weeks and one of 30 across the South that have galvanized state and federal investigators.

(AFP PHOTO)

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – The House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to make it easier for federal investigators to probe church fires, as the White House asked for money to investigate the fires, according to an AFP report.

The lower chamber voted 422-0 on Tuesday to eliminate a 10,000 minimum in property damage now in place before federal officials can investigate a fire.

At least 38 black churches have burned under suspicious circumstances in the past 18 months. It has become a political issue with President Bill Clinton visiting a black church recently to highlight the problem and Republicans deriding the trip as a political ploy.

Also Tuesday, Clinton asked Congress to give the Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms an additional $12 million to investigate the blazes.

The expenditures would be for the 1996 fiscal year, which began on October 1, 1995, and would be moved from other Treasury Department budgets.

The Justice Department is planning $9.5 million in additional spending this fiscal year.

The president was scheduled to meet Wednesday with the governors and attorneys general from the Southern states where church burning have occurred.

Meanwhile, according to a Reuter report from Atlanta, two black churches in the tiny Mississippi town of Kossuth were destroyed by fire late on Monday, police said, adding to a wave of suspicious church blazes across the South of the United States.

Federal investigators immediately began combing through the ruins of the sanctuaries to determine whether the incidents were linked to fires at 34 other black churches in the South over the past 18 months.

The incidents bring to 36 the number of black churches damaged or destroyed by fire in the South since late 1994.

The disturbing phenomenon has revived memories of the Ku Klux Klan firebombing of black churches in the 1960s and has also drawn the scrutiny of the federal government.

The fires also have stirred up a simmering political debate between liberals and conservatives about whether the fires are the deliberate work of racist groups or of copycat arsonists.

President Bill Clinton plans to meet with the governors of the affected states on Wednesday to coordinate a strategy for battling the outbreak.

Chinese in Richest County Earn $3,132 a Year

BEIJING (Reuter) – Changdao County has become the richest county in China with per capita gross domestic product (GDP) at 26,000 yuan ($3,132) in 1995, the Xinhua news agency said.

The per capita GDP of Changdao, composed of 32 islands with 40,000 residents, is expected to reach $10,000 by the year 2000, it quoted county official Song Xiuwu as saying.

Each household in the county in eastern Shandong Province has at least one television and one washing machine, 90 percent have refrigerators and over 50 percent have telephones, video recorders and audio systems, Xinhua said.

Beijing Residents Are More Aloof

The traditionally "friendly and warm-hearted" residents of China's capital, Beijing, now know less about their neighbors, a survey said.

The survey, carried by the Zinhua news agency, showed only 18 percent of the 600 people interviewed said they knew all their neighbors well, while two percent said they did not know any of their neighbors.

Some 62 percent of the interviewees, aged between 16 and 35, said neighbors were only nodding acquaintances and almost all said just one percent of their close friends come from the same neighborhood.

Beijing's residents, many living in single-storey housing compounds and narrow, crowded alleys, have traditionally kept close ties with each other for decades. But the survey said relationships have become more aloof as the city has become more crowded with high-rise buildings.

Act-Up Blamed in French AIDS Fund-Raising Fiasco

PARIS (Reuter) – A day of action by French media and charities to fight the spread of AIDS raised only a fraction of its target sum, a failure organizers blamed largely on a televised outburst by an AIDS militant against the government.

"Sidaction" on June 6, which was capped by a five-hour star-studded program broadcast on all six main television channels, raised 40 million francs ($8 million) in donations compared with 350 million francs ($70 million) in 1994.

Sidaction organizers – Sida is the French acronym for AIDS – had hoped to collect 200 million francs ($40 million).

The broadcast turned sour when Christophe Martel, a member of the militant AIDS group Act-Up, verbally assaulted Culture Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy over the government's planned deportations of illegal immigrants infected with the killer virus.

"Murderers" Martel yelled after grabbing the microphone from Douste-Blazy.

"For internal and purely personal reasons, they (Act-Up) stuck a knife in our shared goal," one organizer told the daily newspaper *Liberation* on Monday. "How can we continue to work with them?"

Pierre Berge, president of the association which manages the donations, told *Liberation* that the number of households contacting the program through France's widely used Minitel computer network to make a donation dropped from 1,600 to 200 after Martel's accusations.

Berge told French radio that while Martel's remarks were unacceptable, his criticisms were justified.

"We don't expel (AIDS-infected) Americans or Swiss, who can get medical care in their own countries. But we do expel Africans to Africa. Or to be more to the point, we send them to their deaths," he said.

Organizers also blamed the show's failure on public disenchantment with charities after the head of France's main cancer organization resigned amid a scandal over wasted funds.

Berge said viewers might also have been irritated at "being taken hostage by all the television stations and not being able to zap".

Spain, Greece Sweep Prizes for Beach Clean-Up

PARIS (AFP) – Spain and Greece topped this year's list of countries to get blue flags, awarded by Europe to seaside communities which do most to clean up their beaches and protect the environment, the Foundation for Education and the Environment (FEEE) said here Tuesday.

Of the 1,558 beaches awarded flags in 18 European countries, Spain received 329 and Greece 311. The number of clean beaches rose from 1,467 last year.

France took third position, with flags for 271 beaches, Italy 219, Denmark 171 and Portugal 114. No other country managed more than 100 flags.

Britain trailed in last but managed 31 blue flags this year compared to just 18 in 1995.

A total of 476 eco-labels went to leisure ports, with Germany winning the most (120), Spain 82, Denmark 81, France 57, Italy 44, Finland 37 and Sweden 18.

Spain also took the green honor in 1995, ahead of France, Greece and Ireland.

Judging criteria includes water quality – water treatment must lower pollution levels by at least 45 percent – general environment, quality of life and environmental education.

Farmer Receives Four Organs in Transplant

BEIJING (AP) – A 38-year-old farmer with cancer has had his liver, gallbladder, pancreas and duodenum replaced in China's second multi-organ transplant, the official Xinhua news agency reported Monday.

Doctors also removed the stomach, spleen and right adrenal gland of Liang Jinghe during the surgery Saturday at the Nanfang Hospital of the No. 1 Military Medical College in Canton, Xinhua said.

Liang had a malignant tumor removed from his liver in 1991, but his cancer recurred, the report said.

It didn't say whether the cancer had spread to all of the organs that were removed.

Xinhua said Chinese doctors have performed one other multi-organ transplant, but it didn't say where or when.

Eat to Slim

Are you a failed dieter? Lose weight successfully with diet expert Judith Wills' eat to slim system.

Have you started many a diet regime, only to give up af- [t]er a few days, putting back on [e]very ounce you lost ... and more? [D]oes the very word 'diet' conjure [u]p for you gruesome images of [s]elfdenial and sacrifice?

If so — take heart! You don't [h]ave to follow a conventional diet [t]o lose weight. In fact, I'm [c]onvinced that for many [o]verweight people, a diet is exactly [w]hat they DONT need! Here for [y]ou readers, I'll explain exactly [h]ow the system works.

The trouble with conventional diets — no matter how healthy and nutritious they *may* be — is *that* they only work if you stick to them!

And if you can't stick to the diet — not only do you not lose any weight — you also end up feeling a failure, and even less likely to start another effort to slim.

Because so many people Do feel they 'fail' at diets, devised a new way *to lose weight* — a *much more* adaptable way. I don't call it a 'diet.' I call it eating to slim.

However much, or however little, weight you have to lose, the whole point of eating to slim is that you do it at your own pace. There is no failure if you have a day 'off' — because there was no strict diet to be 'on'. Therefore you have no need to think in terms of giving up because you've cheated, for instance.

The Eat to Slim system allows you to choose how much — or, to a large extent, what — you are going to eat on any day, according both to how you feel and what is happening in your life.

So your slimming campaign mirrors real life rather than, on a typical diet plan, dictating to you and imposing ITS laws on YOUR daily routine.

Choose Your Day

On eat to slim you can choose from four different types of day, OPTIMUM, STEADY, EASY AND RELAXED.

Optimum: An optimum day is one where you are doing your most active slimming. I've carefully worked out how many calories your optimum day will require, depending on your likely metabolic rate-but for an average person with average weight to lose this would be around 1,000 calories a day. Failed exdieters should NEVER try to slim on less calories than their OPTIMUM level allows.

Steady: A Steady day is one where you will be eating more than on an Optimum day (average of around 1,250) but is still low enough to help you lose weight at a steady rate.

Easy: An Easy day is one where you will be eating approximately 1,500 calories a day but still creating a small calorie deficit and losing weight.

Relaxed: Relaxed days are days on which you are eating not to lose weight but simply taking in enough cals to maintain your body weight.

It is up to YOU which type of day you pick on any particular day. To lose weight, all you need to do is make sure that you include SOME OPTIMUM, STEADY and EASY days in every month.

I say 'month' because it is much more relaxing to think in terms of weight loss over a month rather than a week — but you could, if it suits your lifestyle better, plan your different days around a weekly schedule.

Remember — this is the *slimming system* that YOU use to suit yourself. It is best to decide beforehand which type of day you will adopt — think carefully about your commitments and moods — and, obviously, the more OPTIMUM and STEADY days you can include in your week or month, the more quickly you will lose weight.

Before You Start

Before you begin eating to slim, here are some general tips:

* Think about WHY you're eating every time you eat and if it is for reasons other than hunger, see if you can alter the moods or events that lead to your overeating.
* Don't feel guilty for making time for yourself-to re-organize your eating, shop more wisely, take more exercise, or whatever. Your body is yours — it matters!
* Remember ultimately YOU ARE IN CONTROL of what goes in your mouth. With daily practice you CAN exercise that control.
* Kill your guilt! You don't have 'bad' or 'naughty' days any more — you have RELAXED days. Practise getting out of the 'diet mentality' that makes you break diets. You are not a failure — it was the diet that failed YOU.

Forget Fast Weight Loss

However I'd advise against going for short-term fast weight loss if you have already failed to lose weight (or keep it off) before. This time you want to be slim for life! Look at it this way — if you have tried and failed to lose weight before, but now you lose, say 2lbs a month steadily — at the end of six months you'll have lost almost a stone — and nearly two stones by the end of a year. Surely THAT is a great success?

Which Day?

It's totally up to you how to combine the days. I suggest you choose:

* *Optimum* days when you are feeling strong, positive, happy — and the day is fairly ordinary — and, for women, in the early days of the menstrual cycle.
* Steady days for as much of the rest of the week or month as you can do.
* Easy days when, if you're female, you're heading towards your period; or when you know, for example, because of business commitments it isn't going to be possible to follow an OPTIMUM or STEADY day.
* Relaxed days when you just want a day off; it's a special occasion — or, in retrospect, you ate more than you intended!
* Remember — you aren't 'on a diet.' Believe me — if you follow the Optimum, Steady, Easy, Relaxed system of eating days, you WILL lose weight.

TIPS:

Most people find it easier to stick to more optimum days in spring and summer and allow more Easy days in winter.

You could, if you have a lot of weight to lose, follow an even broader plan than a monthly system — you could lose a stone and then have, say, a month off, all on Relaxed days, and so on. There is NO LAW about How your weight comes off.

(Courtesy Weight Watchers Magazine)

Mixed News on Breast Cancer-Pill Link

LONDON (Reuter) — Women have a slightly higher chance of contracting breast cancer when they are taking the contraceptive pill but there is no long-term increase in risk for former pill users, a worldwide report said recently.

The Imperial Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) said their investigation involved information on 53,000 women with breast cancer in 25 countries and comprised virtually all the worldwide evidence available on the pill and breast cancer.

In 10,000 women who used the pill when aged 25 to 29, about 49 breast cancers would be diagnosed in the period from the start of use up to 10 years after stopping, compared to 44 cancers diagnosed in women who had not taken the pill.

The small increase in the number of breast cancers was evident only in women taking the pill and in the 10 years after stopping.

"After women come off the pill this excess declines, disappearing completely after 10 years," Dr Valerie Beral, head of the ICRF's study group said.

"The absence of any increase 10 or more years after stopping is found consistenly for all groups of women studied — young women, older women, women with a family history of breast cancer, women of different ethnic origin," she said.

It was also true regardless of how old women were when they began taking the pill, how long they took it and what type of pill they took, she said.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, killing about 500,000 each year worldwide. More than 200 million women have used the pill and an estimated 100 million currently take it.

THOUGHT

MY religion is a matter solely between my maker and myself.

Mohandas Gandhi Indian nationalist leader

PRAYER

Noon 13:06
Evening 20:47
Dawn (tomorrow) 3:49
Sunrise (tomorrow) 5:49

SCRABBLE® BRAND GRAMS

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by JUDD

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TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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Here is the solution to yesterday's Scrabble

SCRABBLE® BRAND GRAMS SOLUTION BY JUDD

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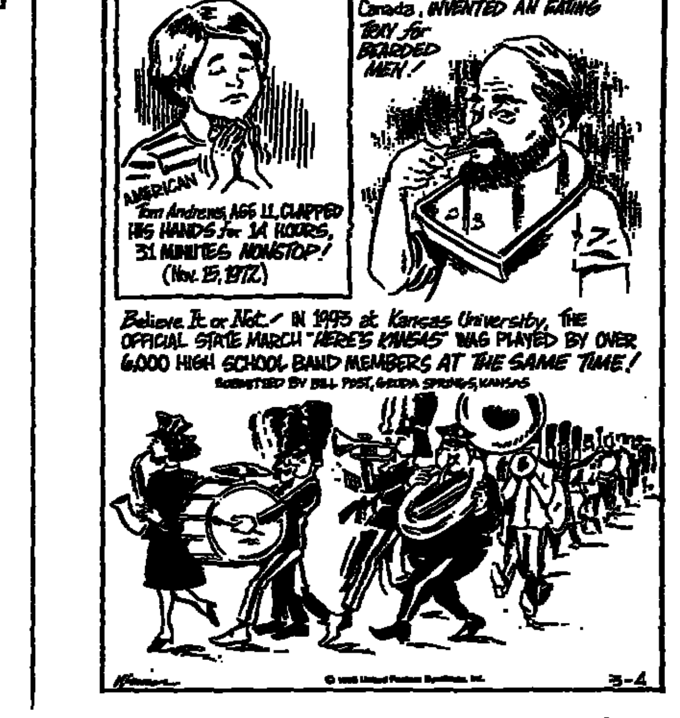
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FERD'NAND ® by Henrik Rehr

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TWIST! TWIST!

(SIGH) PASS THE ENCHILADAS

IF YOU DON'T LIKE MEXICAN FOOD, JUST SAY SO!

Joint Cooperation Office for Technical and Engineering Services Export

Association of Construction Companies

(Syndicate of Construction Companies)



Tehran International Fair was a good opportunity for the Iranian companies to offer their achievements and elaborate on their objectives for the future projects. Massive participation of the domestic companies and their foreign counterparts made it possible for the engineers and experts to compare and contrast activities undertaken by both Iranian and foreign companies. In this regard Association of Construction Companies, known as former Syndicate of Construction Companies, has taken the first steps to link domestic companies with the most well-known international companies. Such a contact will result in technology transfer and economic growth of the country. The role is undertaken by the Association's Overseas Activities Department. The secretary of overseas joint cooperation office elaborated on the history of the association and answered questions posed by the *Tehran Times'* reporter to the fair.

Asked on the establishment history of the association and building construction in the country, he said Iran bears a long background in architecture and construction industries. Ancient monuments and buildings are genuine manifestations of this bright construction background. Even most monuments have stood undamaged to the day. This proves ancient Persian architects deserved very high potentialities in building construction.

Concerning modern buildings, some Iranian engineers familiar enough with the international standards, decided to compile rules and standards for building construction. Earthquake resistancy and construction security received prime concern in this regard.



Engineers [illegible], Hoor-Azar, Dowlatshahi and Taab elaborate on the achievements of the association.

At present 2,500 Iranian construction companies possess the capacity to execute projects worth 15,000 billion rials, 5,000 billion rials of which will be consumed on domestic projects for the Second Development Plan and for the other 10,000 billion rials new markets should be created.

Association of Construction Companies (former Syndicate of Construction Companies) was established some 45 years ago with the aim of removing the obstacles in the way of construction companies. The central association enjoys close collaboration of over 600 member companies of general contractors. Also every province has its own association. The association gives guidelines to its members through commissions linked with the state organizations. The commissions offer lawful, tax and laborers social security directions to the member companies. Besides they reflect the problems to the government, negotiate with the government and finally remove the obstacles with the help of the state organizations.

Exporting technical and engineering services is very important. In this regard article 27 of Second Development Plan, concerning social, cultural and economic promotion of the country, reinforces exporting technical and engineering services. Also article 18 is about overseas activities and the qualifications needed for obtaining necessary certificates in this field.



Dr. Nawab, Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance visits the pavilion.

The member companies enjoy outstanding facilities both from the government and the association. At present the companies affiliated to the Overseas Department and Joint Cooperation Office, Association of Consultant Engineers can get permission for marketing, purchasing tender papers and attending exhibitions.

A member of board of directors of construction syndicate commented on Iran International Construction Materials and Mines Fair, 1996, and said it was a good opportunity for the Iranian consultant engineers to be familiar with the executive capabilities of technical and engineering construction companies and offer their own capabilities in the field as well as marketing for their technical and engineering services.

He said: Regarding the fact that Munich Fair declared Iran Con. Min. 96 as the permanent fair of construction equipment and mines in the Middle East, the fair can well prepare the ground for introducing the said capabilities to the foreign counterparts.

Concluding the first stage of redeveloping the war-torn cities and construction projects, the Iranian engineers obtained valuable experiences and technical knowledge in massive executive projects on expressways, ports, residential complexes, towers, tunnels, power plants, concrete dams, etc.

During the past ten years almost 40 dams have been constructed or are under construction. Until 1978 only, some 14 dams had been erected in Iran.

Materializing the potentialities of the Iranian construction companies and consultant engineers paves the way for exporting construction materials and prefabricated or semifabricated products. The export will earn hard currency, create job opportunities for manufacturing and procurement of construction materials.

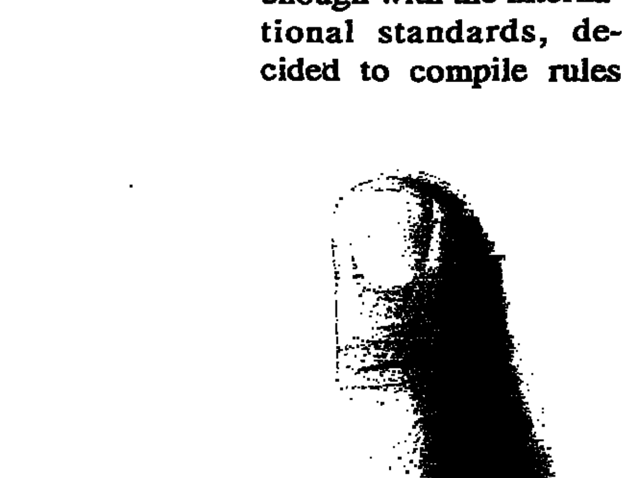
The Iranian companies started working on construction projects in the Persian Gulf littoral states and Egypt from 1970s.

During recent years the Iranian companies have concluded construction contracts in Georgia, Turkmenistan, Kazakhs- tan, Pakistan, Qatar, Kuwait, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, etc on promoting technical and engineering export in the fields of road construction, factory establishment, silo construction, administration buildings and residential complexes, tunnel and bridge construction.

Because of the long-lasting political, cultural and economic relations existing between Iran and the neighboring countries, specially Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), the possibility of offering technical and engineering services in the form of joint venture consortium or second hand proves to be profitable.

Also because of the proximity of Iran to CIS republics, enjoying low-cost manpower, raw materials, prefabricated or semifabricated products with moderate prices and notable decline in transportation costs turns to be plausi-





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ble.

Next, the other member of board of directors of construction companies syndicate elaborated on the association's capabilities. He said: After the victory of the Islamic Revolution, foreign companies executing some of the massive projects of the country, left Iran. The outburst of the imposed war and the need to put the infrastructure and redevelopment installations into operation, Iranian consultant engineers along with equipment and construction companies undertook the task. Relying on their knowledge and the love of nation, the Iranian engineers materialized some projects while some thought the process might be almost impossible.

Iranian companies, well-equipped with the experiences of redevelopment period and Five-Year Economic Development Plans, developed some important projects on construction works: dams, ports, roads, power plants, residential complexes, etc. Such projects enhanced their potentialities in construction works.

Due to economic sanctions imposed on Iran and the need to fulfill the country's debts to international banks, the rate of domestic investment has declined in recent years. To compensate the drop the Iranian companies participate actively in the export of technical and engineering services. That is to say, they are now active in international markets.

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The other member of board of directors of construction companies syndicate commented on the collaboration of domestic and foreign companies adding: Because of the friendly relations between Iran and Commonwealth of Independent States, proximity of the regional states to one another, easy access to construction materials and installations of Iranian factories and low-cost manpower -- in comparison to the European countries -- the region can well be a profitable market for the Iranian companies who have attained the international standards. Iranian factories and equipped workshops are able to design and manufacture prefabricated pieces as well as materialize construction projects for the CIS republics with competitive prices.

European companies, if joined with Iranian construction companies, can benefit the privileges, thus expand their capacities in the CIS republics region. Iranian companies, in turn, will prepare a part of machinery, management and investment which may be necessary for working in the region.

He further said although most of the foreign companies who concluded contracts inside Iran could enjoy close collaboration of the Iranian companies, the execution of the projects were done by the Iranian engineers while their counterparts only were active in management of the projects. During these joint ventures, the Iranian engineers attained valuable experiences on the ways of concluding international contracts as well as attaining international standards.

Exporting some technical services has been accomplished, more or less, before the Islamic Revolution but the real participation of the Iranian engineers and experts in international arena has been well taken into consideration during the recent years. The efforts of responsible authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran to pave the way for massive participation of the Iranian companies in international markets along with encouragement policies should be regarded.

"For the time being, some Iranian consulting engineers and construction and installation companies are active in different construction projects in the neighboring countries as Turkmenistan, Georgia, Pakistan and Kuwait," he concluded.

Commerce Minister Al-e Eshaq inaugurates the fair at the presence of German Ambassador and German Building Industry representative.



Experts, engineers and [illegible] the society's pavilion.

Also the Iranian Society of Consulting Engineers (ISCE) participated in the Tehran International Fair, exhibiting a beautiful pavilion of posters, directories, brochures and its publications. Attending the fair were Commerce Minister, Al-e Eshaq and Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance Dr. Navvab along with some other statesmen who visited the society's pavilion.

The Iranian Society of Consulting Engineers affiliated with the Association of Construction Companies, Union of Equipment and Installation Companies and Union of Architect and Urban Developer Consulting Engineers has started its activities for overseas projects, most of which have been accomplished successfully. Furthermore society members have had the opportunity to win international tenders for many times.

The activities and the achievements of the ISCE is published regularly in "Khabar-Nameh" -- the society's internal publication.

The Iranian Society of Consulting Engineers announces its full readiness for cooperation with regional consultant companies and awaits further accomplishments in near future.

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Sony Unveils Its First Personal Computer

NEW YORK (AFP) – Sony Corporation jumped into the personal computer market Monday, unveiling its first PC for what the Japanese electronics giant called a "new age" of information and entertainment.

The units will be sold in the United States starting in August at a range between $2,000 and $3,000, in line with other PC makers, the company said.

The new strategy for Sony put it into a competitive market against firms such as Compaq Computer, Hewlett-Packard and Packard Bell Electronics.

But Sony is banking on giving its computers an edge with its expertise in video and audio electronics, said Kuni Ando, president for information technologies, for Sony Corp.

"Sony will make home PCs with superior audio and video performance," Ando said at a news conference at the New York PC Expo.

"Our challenge is to take advantage of our audio and video expertise to build a communications device of the new age."

Ando said the shift to home computers as entertainment devices is "the highest corporate priority" for Sony, which has been known here for television sets, audio components and its investment in Hollywood's entertainment industry.

"The Sony PC is designed to integrate Sony quality audio and video, as well as to facilitate the convergence of computers with consumer electronics and communications devices," added Carl Yankowski, president and chief operating officer of the Sony electronics unit of the Japanese firm.

"Computers have reached the point where they have the potential to be powerful entertainment devices in the home."

The Sony PCs will use Intel's Pentium processors and Microsoft Windows 95 operating system and will have their own multimedia audio and video systems. The units will be violet and gray, joining a trend toward more colorful home computers.

Designed by the same Sony art director behind the company's Playstation video game system, the machines sport such touches as a sliding door that conceals the slots for their floppy disk and CD-ROM drives.

The two versions also include modems that let people talk and exchange data over a single phone line, which could for example allow Sony's technical support personnel to diagnose problems while talking on the phone with the customer.

For Sony, the PC is "only a first generation" of what the company called a new era in "interactive entertainment", said Yankowski.

PC sales have reached a critical mass as computers become more entertainment machines than word processing or number crunching tools, he said. "Personal computing is decidedly a family affair."

Sony's choice to launch its PCs in the United States, where computers are present in one third of all homes, defies some analysts who claim the American market is saturated.

Another Japanese firm, Sharp, introduced a notebook computer here with a screen that looks less like a TV screen and more like a wide-screen film. This enables users to view two Web pages side by side and more spreadsheet columns.

Compaq Unveils New Series of Notebook PCs

Compaq Computers on Monday announced a new range of notebook personal computers destined to compete with products from Toshiba of Japan.

The Houston, Texas manufacturer has recently been absent from much of the less sophisticated mobile computing market, notably as its Contura line of machines relied on a concept dating from 1992.

In the meantime, Toshiba in 1995 captured first place in the notebook market, in terms of volume, even if Compaq continued to dominate the high end of the sector with its LTE. Between them Compaq and Toshiba control around 40 percent of the portable computer market.

Michael Winckler, head of Compaq's portable division, said the market was beginning to reflect several distinct needs.

With its new series, he said, Compaq wants to respond to consumers motivated by considerations of mobility, performance and price. Portable computers now account for 20 percent of the PC market.

Under the name of Armada, Compaq introduced two models ahead of PC Expo, which opened here Tuesday.

The Armada 1100, at a relatively modest price, offers the power of a Pentium microchip, a standard 8 megabyte memory and a significant storage capacity.

With Armada 4100, a middle-of-the range machine, users can count on 10.5 hours of power from a multiple battery system. It is equipped with a rapid Pentium chip, high-capacity hard disks and standard 16 megabytes of memory.

In its lightest version, the Armada 4100 weighs only 2.3 kilograms (five pounds). An upgraded version, featuring multimedia capacities, weighs 2.7 kilograms (six pounds).



DAMASCUS, Syria (June 12): Syrian President Hafez al-Assad (R) received Lebanese President Elias Hrawi in Damascus. Hrawi was in Damascus to discuss the preparations of an Arab summit with his Syrian counterpart.

(AFP PHOTO)

Little A'le'inn (Alien) Diner Welcomes Extraterrestrials, Earthlings

RACHEL, Nevada (AFP) – In the high desert near a secret military base reputed to be a testing ground for captured flying saucers, the Little A'le'inn has become an international attraction for UFO buffs.

"Earthlings welcome," reads the inn's sign featuring a bug-eyed alien, next to a red neon Budweiser sign. The inn edges Highway 375, named officially by Nevada as the "Extraterrestrial Highway".

Some who live in this town of 100 talk of seeing mammoth glowing, hovering spaceships, aliens and forms from "another dimension". Visitors who share their own experiences can be sure of getting a receptive audience.

"We get a lot of people, lots of pilots and others. They have seen things and they want answers and don't know where else to go," said inn waitress Larae Fletcher, 64, who first came here 25 years ago.

Inn owner Pat Travis said she became a believer one frigid night in 1989 when a thick beam of light shone right through the inn's metal door and illuminated the door jamb as she and her husband watched slack-jawed.

"We felt something here, a presence, and we told it to make itself at home and that it would always be welcome here," Pat said.

"Since it was Christmas time, I said maybe we should put out some milk and cookies for it like Santa Claus," she chuckled. "Then I said, 'Oh hell, if you can go through a steel-clad door, you can damn well open the refrigerator or help yourself to a beer.'"

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The town, 240 kilometers (150 miles) north of Las Vegas, is a mix between those who are "believers", those who scoff, and workers sworn to silence employed at the top secret "Area 51" facility about 40 kilometers (25 miles) away.

The U.S. government will not even admit the site exists, though the environmental protection agency is charging hazardous waste violations at the location. A sign on the perimeter warns intruders of the possible use of "deadly force".

Things were pretty quiet around here until 1989 when self-described physicist Bob Lazar told a Las Vegas television station that he worked at the base "reverse engineering" — taking something apart to learn how it was built — one of nine captured alien saucers.

But his blue-ribbon education claims did not check out. (He said they were 'erased' by the government.) He did, however, produce his government pay stubs and his name in a Los Alamos laboratory directory.

He has since ducked out of public view, but his assertions drew UFO buffs from around the world to this quiet hamlet.

Chuck Clark, who describes himself as a "serious amateur astronomer" with a military background, moved here after his own mysterious encounter one night in February 1995 and others since then.

On that night, he said he saw a yellowish, pulsating light that rose up from the site vertically and then hung motionless for about 10 minutes.

"I thought it was a flare at first and worried it would start a fire in the dry desert brush. But then it came down to about 20 to 30 feet (six to nine meters) from the ground and cast a glow on the ground," he said.

He said it was about eight meters (25 feet) across and hovered for about 20 seconds before suddenly shooting west traveling between 14,400 and 22,400 kilometers per hour (9,000 and 14,000 miles per hour) before vanishing.

"It was flying in and out of the most highly restrictive air space in the world and no one challenged it," said Clark, who wants the government to share what it knows about something he said defies accepted laws of physics.

Larae said on the night of November 12, 1995 she was traveling down Highway 375 when she saw a huge ship outlined with portholes and below it an orange light. She said it jumped around and disappeared.

Two other motorists in another car also stopped and Larae said she recognized one as an Area 51 worker. She recalled he said, "I can't believe they let this happen."

Kathleen Ford, a former Las Vegas casino dealer, had a similar experience. It prompted her to camp out in the desert for three weeks waiting to see it again with a camera in hand.

At the inn is a collection of her shots, mostly odd-shaped saucers, squiggly white lines and fuzzy forms.

"I don't know what this stuff is but it excites the hell out of me. I used to be out there alone at night in the desert," she said. "Now everybody and his dog is coming out here."

New extraterrestrial movies "The Arrival" and "Independence Day" are sure to draw more inn visitors (from Earth at least).

Hollywood executives left a time capsule at the inn to be opened in 2050 when "interplanetary travelers shall be regular guests of the planet Earth."

Larae said "humanoids" have already come to quaff beers and eat burgers. Asked how she knew they were aliens in human form, she responded flatly: "There are strangers and then there are strangers."

Clarke Questions Sri Lanka Time

COLOMBO (Reuter) – Space writer and visionary Dr. Arthur C. Clarke has his mind on a more mundane matter these days: Earth time in Sri Lanka.

British-born Clarke, a long-time Sri Lanka resident, was quoted by *The Island* newspaper on Sunday as pressing for Sri Lanka to be an even six hours ahead of Greenwich mean time (GMT) instead of six-and-a-half hours.

"An enormous amount of inconvenience is caused by the odd 30 minutes difference from an integral time zone, and has become even more of a nuisance with developments in international communications, phone calls, satellite TV etc.," the author of "*2001 — a Space Odyssey*" was quoted as saying.

"I have pointed out the absurdity of this to every administration since 1970," he said.

Sri Lanka, suffering eight-hour power cuts a day because of a shortage of electricity, recently put its clocks forward one hour to make maximum use of daylight.

Poison the Seas and We Poison Ourselves

PART 2

What Can Be Done?

The only way to remove the threats posed by the most dangerous POPs is to ban their use completely, and to develop alternatives where necessary. Efforts are under way to begin such a process. The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) has drawn up a list of the 12 most dangerous POPs, which it recommends should be banned.

In November 1995, the world's governments adopted the UNEP Global Program of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities. This recommends 'a global, legally binding instrument for the reduction and/or elimination of emissions and discharges of certain POPs'. This program of Action also lays out guidelines for the development of clean methods of sewage disposal, and addresses radioactive waste, litter, oils and heavy metal pollution.

The program of Action highlights the need for action at the national level, and recommends that 'States should develop and implement integrated, continuing and adaptive programes of action' to tackle their own pollution problems. It also emphasizes the importance of 'integrated coastal zone management' — the protection of entire coastal ecosystems, rather than an ad hoc approach to coastal areas.

The Commission on Sustainable Development

The Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) was established at the 1992 Earth Summit to review progress in implementing the commitments that national governments made there. The CSD meets once a year, focusing on different topics each time. In 1995, it focused on forests, mountains and desertification. In 1996, at its fourth meeting, from April 18 — May 3, it focused on the oceans and atmosphere.

Representatives of all governments can attend the CSD and contribute to its decisions. Governments will exchange national experiences on coastal zone management, and may discuss follow-up to the program of action on land-based pollution. The CSD can decide how to enhance the capacity of the international system for dealing with marine pollution.

It can also make concrete recommendations to governments. 'One such recommendation, for example, could be the elimination of subsidies to highly polluting industries. As such, it has the potential to initiate real progress to stop ocean pollution, if the political will is present.

EarthAction

(Third World Network Features)

EarthAction is a global network of citizen groups that acts on environment, peace, social justice and other critical issues.

In Search of an Asian Strategic Identity

Following is the text of a lecture delivered by Lt. Gen. (Retd.) A.M. Sethna, president of Delhi Farsi Anjuman (Delhi Zoroastrian Association) at the Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS) here on June 18.



Introduction

The Iranian Institute of Political and International Studies and the Indian Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis have taken on the laudable task of trying to work out an Asian strategic identity. It is appropriate that India and Iran, *situs* of two ancient civilizations, should try and evolve such a concept as we enter the 21st century, breaking the shackles of three centuries and more of colonial subjugation, physical in many places, but intellectual in large areas of the world.

I am most grateful to His Excellency, Ali Reza Sheikh Attar, ambassador of Iran in India and Abbas Maleki, deputy foreign minister, for giving me an opportunity to share my thoughts with this august gathering.

Broad Historical Survey

During the heyday of ancient civilization, white Caucasians were still in skins, and painted themselves with woodcolored mud. Our ancient civilization was as rich in ideas / thoughts / concepts as in territorial conquest - the laws of the Medes and the Persians, the Ashokan Edicts of tolerance. Cyrus the Great, who liberated the Jews and rebuilt the Temples of Babylon and Jerusalem, was called the Lord Anointed in the Old Testament. The Chinese considered themselves the "Middle Kingdom". Mathematics, astronomy, grammar and their applied sciences in construction and architecture, town planning (Mohenjedharo) shipbuilding (Lothal), navigation, etc, handicraft manufactures, cloth of gold, damask, muslin, jewelry were what they produced.

Codes of conduct laid down by ancient religions, Avestha, Vadas, Confucians, for interaction of man with God; but even more man to man. In due course, ossified to ritualism; polity turned to lust for power of small elites of princes and priests leading to alienation from the masses. Science in the hand and minds of Brahmins (elite) technology in the hand of workers - those linkages broken followed by the loss of power of the kingdoms.

Since the 17th century, the West manifested its superiority by naval & military expansion dynamism of youthful civilization with propensity for acquisition. The search for a sea route to the East to break the monopoly of the Arab traders in spices led to the discovery of America. With the onset of industrial revolution based on coal and steam, attempts were made and succeeded in breaking the handicraft industries of Asia, reducing the countries from value-added economies to that of producers of raw materials.

Even more insidious and damaging was the destruction of Asian science / thought:

a) Religion of the imperial powers stressed Christianity's superiority — Spanish and Portuguese empires to begin with.

b) Only Western sciences were scientific - "ignorant superstitions" of the East was how all the sciences were treated.

c) With the spread of the English language especially in India, even the "educated" spurned their own past, so much of it having been ritualized by priests and princes for their narrow goals.

d) Rise of Travelers, Indologists, Orientalists from the 17th century onwards to rediscover the East (meaning Asia) and interpret it in their own light - Omar Khyyam of Fitzgerald.

With the bleeding of Europe in WW1 and the breakup of the colonial empires after WW2, began a new era of American hegemony - the Cold War. 'the theory of the wells of power, the politics of oil. The onset of the Cold War on Feb. 1947 coincided with British acceptance of the proposals of giving independence to the Indian Empire, albeit by partitioning the country. That, in turn, led to the breaking up of a multicultural whole into two politics: Entities and weakening of the South Asian identity. In turn, the events of the Cold War spilled over into Asia - the CENTO pact, the arms inflow into the region and weakening of economies, wars and destruction.

In the aftermath of WW2 and the emergence of Indian Independence arose Nehru who as foreign minister of India's 'interim govt in 1946, created the concept of the 1st Asian Conference March 1947 even BEFORE our independence, with Japan a special invitee, being a victim of atomic bombing.

Since the end of WW2, countries of Asia have become victims of all types of warfare.

a) Hiroshima & Nagasaki atomic destruction in 1945

b) Chemicals and defoliants in Vietnam

c) Almost non-stop conventional wars, Korea, Vietnam and the Sub-Continent. Iran, Iraq and Operation Desert Storm, Afghanistan.

d) Low intensity conflicts of unending nature - Malaya to Afghanistan.

The post-Cold War period was characterized by two highly-dangerous developments.

a) Regions awash with small arms and light weapons introduced by the USA, USSR, originally for fighting their proxy wars during the Cold War period.

b) Drug money and concomitant funds for weapons, now a major trade.

So much for a broad tour de horizon, from which some strands come forth, around which can be woven the tapestry of our Asian identity and that of our strategic identites in particular:

a) Suffering

b) Civilization

c) Emergence of Asiamindedness

A Strategy for Finding an Asian Strategic Identity

Can an Asian strategy emerge from these strands of commonality of suffering? Can the ancient civilizations of Asia emerge into an awakened continental cohesion? A strategy is evolved taking into consideration all the strengths and capabilities available to a nation, and marshaling them to achieve the national aim. Even working at the national state level, this is a difficult task; at a continental stage, and that, too, for a vast and disparate group of countries, the task becomes more difficult, dealing as we are with more than half the population of the world. Strategies evolve best when tasked against an "enemy" with something to be done to achieve success. How can we then start this process. Long and slow it will be, with numerous hurdles to cross; but gradually and, with patience, I believe such a consensus may emerge.

Let us, to begin with, take one unifying factor from which we may be able to start - the Indian Ocean, the northern portion of which washes the coasts of most of the Asian countries. There are others who have the Pacific Ocean on their shores and the Indian Ocean itself stretches from Africa to Australia. The oceans of the world have had a major bearing on the development of strategies. Unfortunately, too often we have looked at only the land borders and therefore taken a continental point of view. During the pre-colonial period, the Indian Ocean had provided a model for cooperation through trade - Omani vessels with Omani sailors and their sea and navigation skills handed down to all the peoples of East Africa - Somalis and Makranis. The Omani presence in Malabar was also felt. In the absence of the concept of national states during that period, Asian trading patterns were not supported by military power. Capital for trade came from Gujrat, and trade consisted of spices, pepper, textiles, cotton and silk, diamonds,rubies and emeralds. Rice and ivory, opium and incense, and not to be mentioned too loudly, slaves. This trade linked almost all the countries of the region - from Eastern Africa to China. This pattern was disrupted and its identity lost with the advent of Western colonial powers, even before they got continental footing, carried out by privateers and pirates with authority of their own Western governments.

The present scenario is mainly in sea-borne trade comprising in oil. For its safe transportation, dominant world powers have taken extensive steps. The decline of Britain, which ruled the waves until the end of WW2, has seen the emerge of the USA and the USSR. Until the end of the Cold War, their rivalry has been conditioned on the strategic pattern of the whole world, the regions of the Indian Ocean and the Pacific in particular. Littoral countries of Asia have been brought under their respective control by a variety of means — military in some cases but more importantly, ideologically, by supporting national liberation movements, and by economic means - not the least by the supply of arms and exercise of control through them, but principally by economic powers.

In the understanding of the importance oceans on stratgegic formulation, it has to be remembered that navies take at least two decades to build. Ships can be built or bought, but the strategic culture of the seas take much, much longer. The Indian Ocean as a zone of peace, as a strategic concept, was first put up at a NAM meet in Lusaka, and became a part of a UN resolution as far back as Dec. 1971. And yet, 25 years later where are we? In the geo-strategic regions there are interstate conflicts and rivalries which, in many cases, are far stronger than the desire to cooperate and coexist. These have been exploited by the superpowers. With the breakup of the Soviet Union comes the hegemony of the U.S. Regional forums, viz the Indian Ocean forum, are sprouting. A strategic identity could possibly evolve over the years. To begin with, let us try and achieve a modicum of success from some of the less contentious issues, but for which there is common concern and agreement:

a. Environmental pollution control

b. Information exchange in drug trafficking, piracy, poaching and illegal human traffic

c. Fisheries protection

d. Search and rescue.

For all this political will, hardly any political activity is necessary at this stage.

We noted earlier that in the evolution of strategy an "enemy" is useful. Our common enemy is poverty and the gauge of the degree of our success, its speedy elimination. Japan is the outstanding Asian country which has succeeded in this. Korea, Taiwan, Singapore and the ASEAN countries are following suit. The emerging economies of the Asian Tigers and the newly liberalized economies of Indonesia and India are attempts in that direction. We will not have smooth sailing though there will be opposition from those entrenched earlier. However, the socio-economic conditions of the world are such that Asian success is possible as the age of Asia has arrived, inspite of the many national and regional problems which persist.

From this, it is possible that we may be able to achieve the direction for bringing about an Asian strategic identity. These are:

a. Economic — The creation of wealth and its distribution to the peoples of the continent. The slogan could be "work and you will prosper". Governments need to provide the infrastructure required and a support net for the most helpless.

b. Peoples' support and participation for which governments have to be in tune with their aspirations—national, regional and continental.

c. Education — Openness of society to learn from the whole world, but more about each other in the Asian region.

d. Most importantly, the utilization of today's most potent weapon information technology.

Much of what we have been discussing may be seen as futurist, requiring a totally different mind-set. Are we prepared to give it a try?

I look forward to a fruitful discussion.

Refugee Ship Returns to Monrovia

MONROVIA (AFP) — A Russian trawler carrying 450 Liberians and other Africans returned after more than three weeks at sea in search of a host country to accommodate the refugees, port authorities said.

The round trip of the Zolotitsa (golden nugget in Russian) which had left the war-torn Liberian capital illegally on May 26, covered more than 1,600 nautical miles.

"Life on the ship was very deplorable," said one of the passengers.

"It was so crowded, there was no place to sit," said another.

"The engine was good but the ship traveled without light," said a third.

Disembarking passengers, who included 230 Liberians and 135 Ghanaians, looked "visibly malnourished and dressed in rags," said National Port Authority (NPA) Managing Director Fassue Kelleh.

As relatives of the returnees flocked to the port, some chanting "the lord has done it for me again," authorities there supplied food and water and described the scene as "pathetic."

"I'm happy to be back, because there is no place like home," one passenger was quoted as saying.

The International Committee of the Red Cross, the aid agencies Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF — doctors without borders) and Action Contre La Faim (action against hunger) were also on hand with food such as high-energy biscuits and supplies of clean drinking water.

Kelleh said the NPA was thinking about taking legal action against the ship's owner.

The ordeal on board the Zolotitsa began well before its departure from Monrovia. Hundreds had been waiting on the vessel for weeks, desperate to flee a city where rival factions were involved in heavy fighting, but mechanical problems prevented it from leaving.

On one occasion engine problems forced it to return to the free port just minutes after it had left.

On another, when fighting broke out in the port itself, hundreds of civilians crammed into several ships which then left the docks, only to return once the clashes had subsided.

A few days after the Zolotitsa eventually left Liberia, Ghanaian authorities in the ports of Tema and Takoradi refused to allow the passengers to disembark, despite appeals from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

The Ghanaian Navy towed the vessel into international waters and, according to one passenger, near Tema opened fire to prevent it from docking.

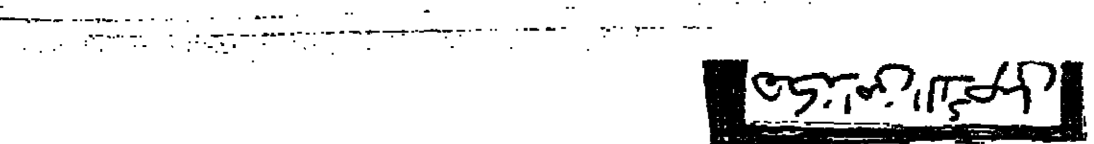
Togolese authorities also refused to accommodate the refugees although water, fuel and food were taken on board when the ship docked briefly in Lome.

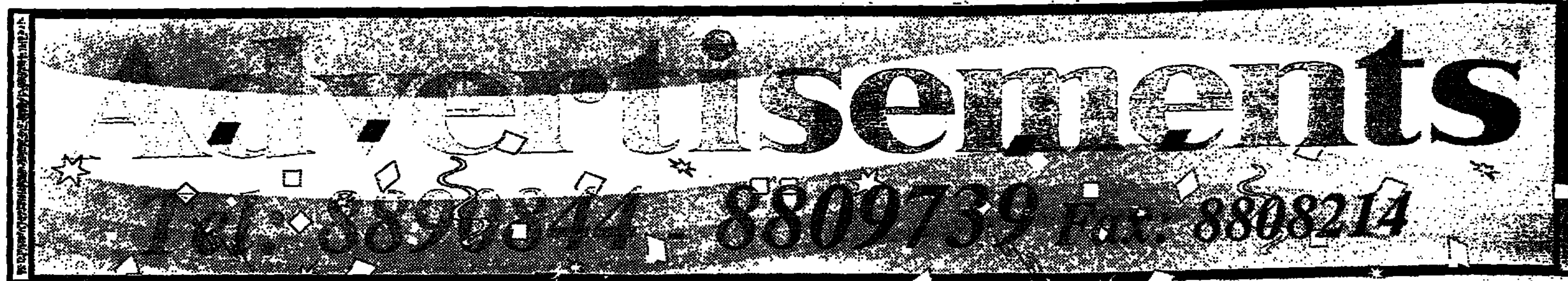
"We are very disappointed with what we see as the cynicism of regional states and the seeming powerlessness of the international community," said MSF's Liberia coordinator Phil Doherty in Abidjan, after an aerial search, the second conducted by the aid agency, failed to locate the Zolotitsa.

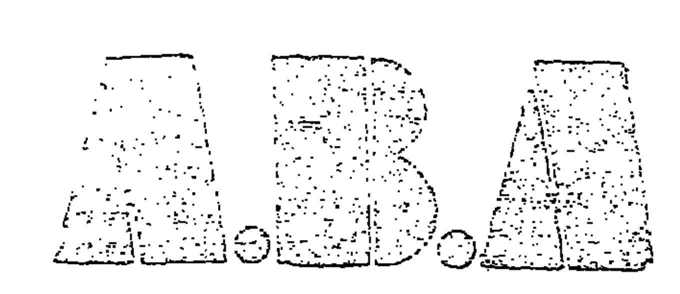
News of the vessel's return came as the UNHCR also planned to conduct an aerial search over Cape Palmas, which marks the border between Liberia and neighboring Ivory Coast, and where an unconfirmed sighting over the weekend placed the ship.

The civil war in Liberia, ignited in December 1989, has turned the country into one of Africa's biggest sources of refugees.

Of a pre-war population of 2.5 million, some 740,000 are now living as refugees, mainly in neighboring Guinea and Ivory Coast, according to the UNHCR.







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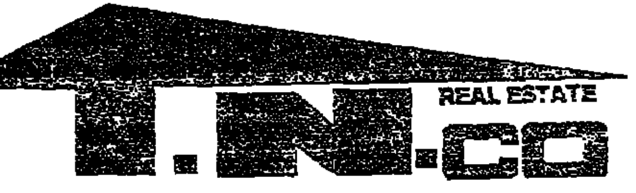
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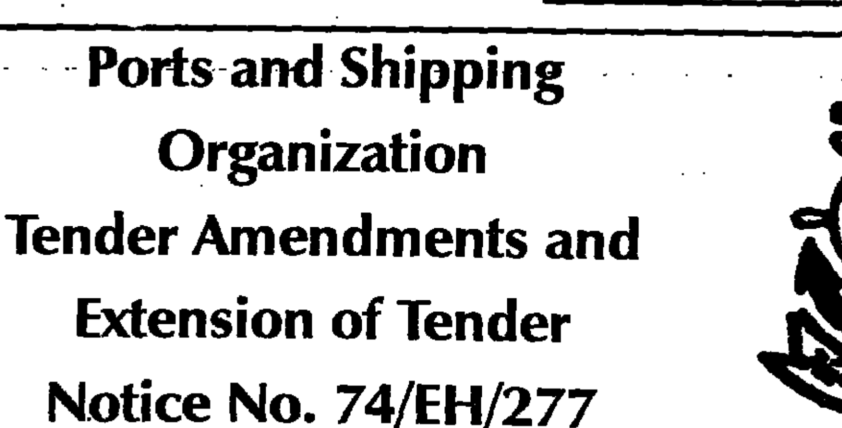
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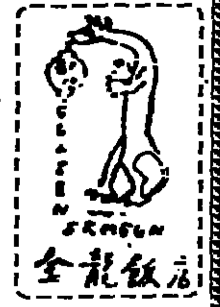
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The World This Week

WORLD NEWS

Wednesday, June 12

Big Yeltsin Rally in Red Square

Up to 50,000 people rallied for President Boris Yeltsin at a Red Square rock concert, massively upstaging far smaller rallies by rival candidates in Sunday's presidential elections.

Former Communist Leaders Sentenced to Long Prison Terms

Three former Communist Party leaders were sentenced to prison terms of up to 17 years for crimes against humanity during Albania's Stalinist era.

No Peace With Israel Without Golan

Syrian Foreign Minister Faruq al-Shara reaffirmed his government's position that there will be no peace with Israel without a complete return of the Golan Heights.

Indian Govt. Wins Confidence Vote



India's new center-left government won a vote of confidence in Parliament, ending almost two months of political uncertainty in the country.

Over 5,000 Algerian Activists Killed

Algerian security forces killed more than 5,000 Islamic activists in 1994 and 1995.

30,000 VW Workers Protest

Nearly 30,000 workers at two Volkswagen plants downed tools in protest demonstrations against the German government's austerity plan.

Southern Conservative Chosen to Replace Dole

Senator Trent Lott, a southern conservative, was elected in the U.S. Senate to replace Bob Dole as leader of the Chamber's Majority, putting both houses of congress firmly into the hands of the right wing of the Republican Party.

Astronomer Finds New Planet

A Jupiter-size planet has been detected orbiting a star only 8.1 light years from earth — the closest star found to have its own world.

Top Mafia Family Destroyed

Officials in New York claim they dismantled a top Mafia family after 19 people were indicted Tuesday on charges including murder and extortion.

Thursday, June 13

Thousands of Sierra Leonean Return Home

Some 7,650 Sierra Leonean refugees have returned voluntarily from neighboring Liberia over the past two weeks.

Lee Calls For Restructuring of Govt.

Taiwanese President Lee Teng-Hui called for the "restructuring" of the government and the Kuling Knomintang (KMT) to boost the country's role in a highly competitive world community.

108 Injured After Indonesian Jet Crashes

A Garuda Indonesian airways DC-10 carrying 275 people overshot the runway and caught fire on takeoff at Fukuoka Airport, Southern Japan, killing three and injuring 108.

Cassese Softens Stance Against Serbs

Antonio Cassese, head of the UN war crimes tribunal softened his stance on sanctions against Bosnian Serbs and Yugoslavia, urging limited economic sanctions and their exclusion from the Olympic games.

Iraq Defies UN Resolution



Iraq barred UN weapons inspectors from entering a third military site to search for suspected banned weapons despite a UN Security Council resolution demanding immediate and unrestricted access.

Vietnamese Minister Dies

Le Mai, a prominent Vietnamese vice foreign minister who led efforts to repair his country's relations with the United States, has died aged 56.

China Razes Thousands of Temples & Tombs

China's eastern province of Zhejiang has razed 257,000 of illegal tombs and 17,900 temples and churches in a bid to stem feudalistic and superstitious practices.

Tutsi Soldiers Have Killed 500,000 Hutus

Soldiers of Rwanda's Tutsi-based regime, have massacred Hutus on a massive scale since taking over power in 1994, the country's former moderate Hutu Prime Minister Faustin Twagiramungu has charged.

Gdansk Workers End 48-Hour Strike



Striking workers at Poland's Gdansk shipyard said they will march on the nation's capital June 21 in protest at the closure of the site that spawned Solidarity's revolt against communism.

Friday, June 14

Finland Will Not Join NATO

Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari reaffirmed that his country, which has a policy of military non-alliance, will "remain outside NATO".

New Rules for Access to FBI Files Announced

After Clinton apologizing for obtaining confidential background files on more than 330 Republicans, the White House Friday announced a tightening of rules for its access to such files compiled by the FBI.

Swazi Teachers' Strike Enters Second Day

Swazi schools remained closed for the second day running as teachers transformed a one-day strike into an indefinite sit-in until they are granted an 18 percent pay rise.

Bosnian Parties Sign Disarmament Agreement

Bosnia's former warring parties signed a disarmament agreement in Florence at a conference to review the Dayton Peace Accord.

Erbakan, Ciller Fail to Agree on Premiership

A first round of coalition talks between Islamist leader Necmettin Erbakan and former Premier Tansu Ciller failed as the two could not agree on who would become prime minister.

11 Asian Nations Open Talks on Mekong

Top officials from 11 Asian nations began talks in Kuala Lumpur to outline a strategy to jointly develop the resource-rich basin of the Mekong River.

Walesa Wins Swedish Peace Prize

Former Polish President Lech Walesa has been awarded the first annual Pax Baltica Prize by the organization of the same name, which aims to promote peace and security in the Baltic region.

Protests Against Military Cuts During Chirac Visit

Some 4,000 people protested noisily against planned cuts in France's armed forces spending during a visit by President Jacques Chirac to a military site in western France.

Saturday, June 15

Separatist Bosnian Croats Name Premier

Leaders of separatist Bosnian Croats named a government for their rebel state months after the state was supposed to have been disbanded.

300,000 Demonstrate Against Kohl



Some 300,000 people turned out for a trade union rally against Chancellor Helmut Kohl's public austerity and pro-business policies, hearing a fighting speech from Germany's top union leader.

Peace Has Returned to Somalia

Somali faction leader General Mohamed Farah Aidid claimed that he restored peace in Somalia although groups manipulated from abroad were still trying to create anarchy in a few places.

Two Blasts Rock Manchester

Two blasts rocked the northern English city of Manchester, the first injuring nearly 70 people.

Rightwingers March on Prison

About 2,000 white South African right-wingers, many of them armed, marched on the city jail in Pretoria demanding the release of a prominent former special services soldier who was on a hunger strike inside.

Delegates Adopt Summit Documents

Delegates to the UN summit on cities adopted the basic conference documents after last-minute objections by the United States were overcome.

Kurds March for Peace in Germany

Tens of thousands of Kurds marched in the streets of Hamburg to call for peace in Turkey's strife-torn southeast region.

Tibet Conf. Opens in Bonn

An international conference in support of Tibetan cultural and human rights opened in Bonn with participants from some 60 countries in the presence of Tibet's spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama.

Ariane Rocket Launched

The 87th Ariane European space rocket took off from the Space Center in Kourou with a telecommunications satellite on board.

Sunday, June 16

Thousands of Japanese Protest Against U.S.

Thousands of residents in Yamanashi prefecture, central Japan, rallied against a possible transfer of live-fire U.S. military drills from Okinawa to a firing range in their backyard.

Monday, June 17

France, U.S. Sign Secret Deal

France and the United States have signed a deal to share nuclear information giving Paris access to closely-held U.S. data collected in simulated nuclear blasts.

More Fires Char Black Churches

Fires have charred two more predominantly African-American churches in the U.S. south, 34 in 18 months, but there was no immediate indication they were racist attacks.

Tuesday, June 18

S. Korea Threatened by Strikes

Unionists of Mando Machinery Corp., South Korea's largest auto-parts manufacturer, have entered an indefinite strike, threatening the operations of major car makers in Seoul.

LOCAL NEWS

Wednesday June 12

Leader's Important Speech Issued

Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei's important speech issued here Wednesday.

Thursday June 13

U.S. Is to Tighten Sanctions Against Iran

A bill passed in the U.S. House of Representatives calling for application of secondary sanctions against Iran.

Friday, June 14

Iranian Children Vaccinated Against Polio

Over 7,600,000 under five children were vaccinated against polio nationwide during the second phase of the third round of polio eradication plan.

Saturday, June 15

Iran's Official Reaction Against U.S. Sanctions

President Hashemi Rafsanjani branding Washington's move as black mail said that the Iranian nation will resist against the U.S. announced sanctions.

Total Is to Fulfil Its Obligations vis-a-vis Iran

Despite the U.S. secondary sanctions against Iran, the French Total Company announced that it will go ahead with Iran, fulfilling its commitments.

Sunday June 16

Iran Will Tackle 3rd Wave of U.S. Sanctions

Mohammad Javad Larijani stressed that the U.S. announced sanctions will not affect our economy significantly although it may have trivial impacts initially.

Monday June 17

Leader Underlines Importance of Propagation



The Supreme Leader in an address to the Islamic Propagation Organization officials the role of the IPO and propagation in upholding Islamic values in the society.

Tuesday June 18

Leader Stresses MPs independence in Policy-Making

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution addressing the 5th Majlis MPs, called for independence policy-making.



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Handrails for Living

Practical advice on learning, growing, giving

In a lifetime as a journalist, I have come up with my own set of guidelines to a better, more satisfying existence. I call them my handrails. I do not presume that they are the wisdom of the ages, but they are practical advice for the journey at hand.

Help Others. One rainy February night in Washington, Janet, my bride of three weeks, announced after dinner that she was taking me to the local YMCA for swimming lessons. "What are you talking about?" I exclaimed. "I know how to swim. I used to teach swimming at a summer camp."

"That's just it," she replied. "I told them you'd make a wonderful swimming instructor." "Them" was the community youth program to help underprivileged kids learn to stay afloat — in more ways than one.

Actually I had forgotten the sheer joy of a youngster who finally discovers that water does hold the body up.

Design Your Own Retrieval System. My first big assignment as a newspaper reporter was to write a series of articles on school desegregation. I traveled from Tennessee to West Virginia, Alabama to Delaware, collecting facts, quotations, documents and clippings. But when I sat down at my typewriter, I found I had to spend hours tracking down what I needed.

I finally learned to jot down on index cards the highlights of everything I had heard and seen that day and to key them to my notebooks and papers. No matter what your technic — whether you use a pencil or computer — devise some sure-fire way to retrieve your ideas.

"Grow at Ease. Slow as Trees!" So wrote Danish poet and inventor Piet Hein. Wonderful wisdom is encapsulated in that thought. No one objects to getting ahead, but don't get ahead of yourself. It is the accumulation of experiences — including mistakes and misjudgments — that finally gives you the seasoning for real and lasting success.

How did those young millionaires get sucked into the stock-market "insider" scandals in recent years? I submit that they were simply saplings with shallow roots. And when the winds of temptation blew furiously down Wall Street, they bent.

Dare to Ask Stupid Questions. The answers will often tell you a great deal. When Pope John XXIII was asked how many people work at the Vatican, he replied, "About half of them."

As a young reporter, I attended an exclusive background luncheon on the Middle East. I didn't understand one particularly complex situation but could not muster the courage to ask a stupid question. Then Eric Sevareid, at the peak of his CBS broadcasting career, asked my stupid question. Ever since then I have not hesitated to ask stupid questions.

You never know what will happen. As the story goes, a delegation from Yale went to Beijing shortly after China opened up to the West. The group had a long audience with Mao Zedong. "Chairman Mao," the delegation leader asked, "What if Nikita Khrushchev had been assassinated in 1963 instead of President John F. Kennedy? What would have happened?" Mao thought and finally replied, "I can tell you one thing for sure — Aristotle Onassis would not have married Mrs. Khrushchev."



Be There. At age 14 I went out alone to Boston's Fenway Park on a cold, drizzly night in late October 1944. At 9 p.m. an open limousine rolled slowly across the outfield grass. A large man wearing a battered gray fedora stood stiffly in the back of the vehicle to greet the wildly cheering thousands. It was President Franklin D. Roosevelt, making one of the last campaign appearances of his life, and I was there. I've seen or met every President since FDR, but that night long ago at Fenway Park was the best of all.

More recently, on a fourth of July, I was out all day on a boat watching the tall ships parade by the Statue of Liberty. Then I went home and watched the fireworks on TV. I regret to this day not staying on the scene to see the rockets' red glare with millions of exuberant spectators.

So whenever you can, witness the real thing. Don't let TV do all the work. Participate in history — be it a primary debate or a local walk-a-thon.

Join the Battle to Save Good Manners. Caring, courtesy and thoughtfulness are a reflection of civilized society. A thank-you note, a visit to a grieving friend, a long drive to a bar mitzvah — these are the basic measurements of your capacity to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Nothing is more important than that.

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Goulash (HUNGARY)

You will need....	2 oz. butter or margarine $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. onions, peeled and sliced 1 lb. stewing veal, diced 1 level tablespoon paprika $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. tomatoes, peeled and chopped 1 beef stock cube
Preparation time 5 minutes	1 2 oz. can tomato puree salt and pepper to taste 1 lb. potatoes, peeled and sliced
Cooking time 1 hour 45 minutes	4 oz. mushrooms $\frac{1}{4}$ pint soured cream

Heat the butter and fry the sliced onions and meat lightly in a strong saucepan. Stir in the paprika, then the tomatoes. Dissolve the stock cube and tomato puree in $\frac{3}{4}$ pint boiling water, add to the pan, season and simmer covered for about 1 hour.

Stir well, add the sliced potatoes and cook for a furher 45 minutes. Add the mushrooms for the last 10 minutes only.

Serve in a heated casserole, top with warm soured cream, and sprinkle with a little more paprika.

Note: If the goulash is cooked in a flameproof casserole, this can be put on the table.

Serves 4.



QUICK TIP

When using soured cream never allow dish to boil after adding the cream or it may curdle. To guard against this, heat the cream gently separately and then add to the dish.

How Brave Are You?

This is a psychological test on bravery. However, admittedly, no written test can judge bravery, so we are assessing the mental condition of an individual in certain situations. This is a fun exercise and should not be taken seriously.

You will find 11 pairs of options here, and you have to choose either A or B in each. Scores are listed at the end of the test -- please don't cheat!

Circle your answer for the following options.

1. A - A parachute jump into a wild jungle
   B - Clearing water from a flood-affected area
2. A - Door-to-door distribution of 1000 hand bills
   B - Entertaining guests at home
3. A - To take rest in a risky area where snakes are known to inhabit
   B - To take rest at a picnic area
4. A - To attend work, knowing a gang of dacoits will attack the cash-counter
   B - To stay at home, even after knowing the possibility of an attack at the office
5. A - To attend a meeting where some of your friends might try to criticize you
   B - To avoid such criticism and pretend you're too sick to attend the meeting
6. A - To attend a friend's marriage ceremony by catching an aeroplane in bad weather
   B - To take care of agri-land in bad weather
7. A - To attend a unit meeting which might raise points against you
   B - To work overtime to avoid the unit meeting
8. A - While on holidays, to explore the destination on your own, with only a map as a guide
   B - To go on a packaged holiday, where a tour bus shows you arouna
9. A - To take part in discussions with friends who are always critical of you
   B - to talk to an intimate, nice friend
10. A - To ask your friend about the money you loaned him, which he does not want to pay back
    B - To forget about the money since he is your friend
11. A - To attend a circus where a tiger jumps into the crowd
    B - To go to the movies

Answer: In each case option 'A' stands for 'brave' and each of option 'B' stands for 'shaky'. Each 'A' carries 1 mark 'B' carries zero.

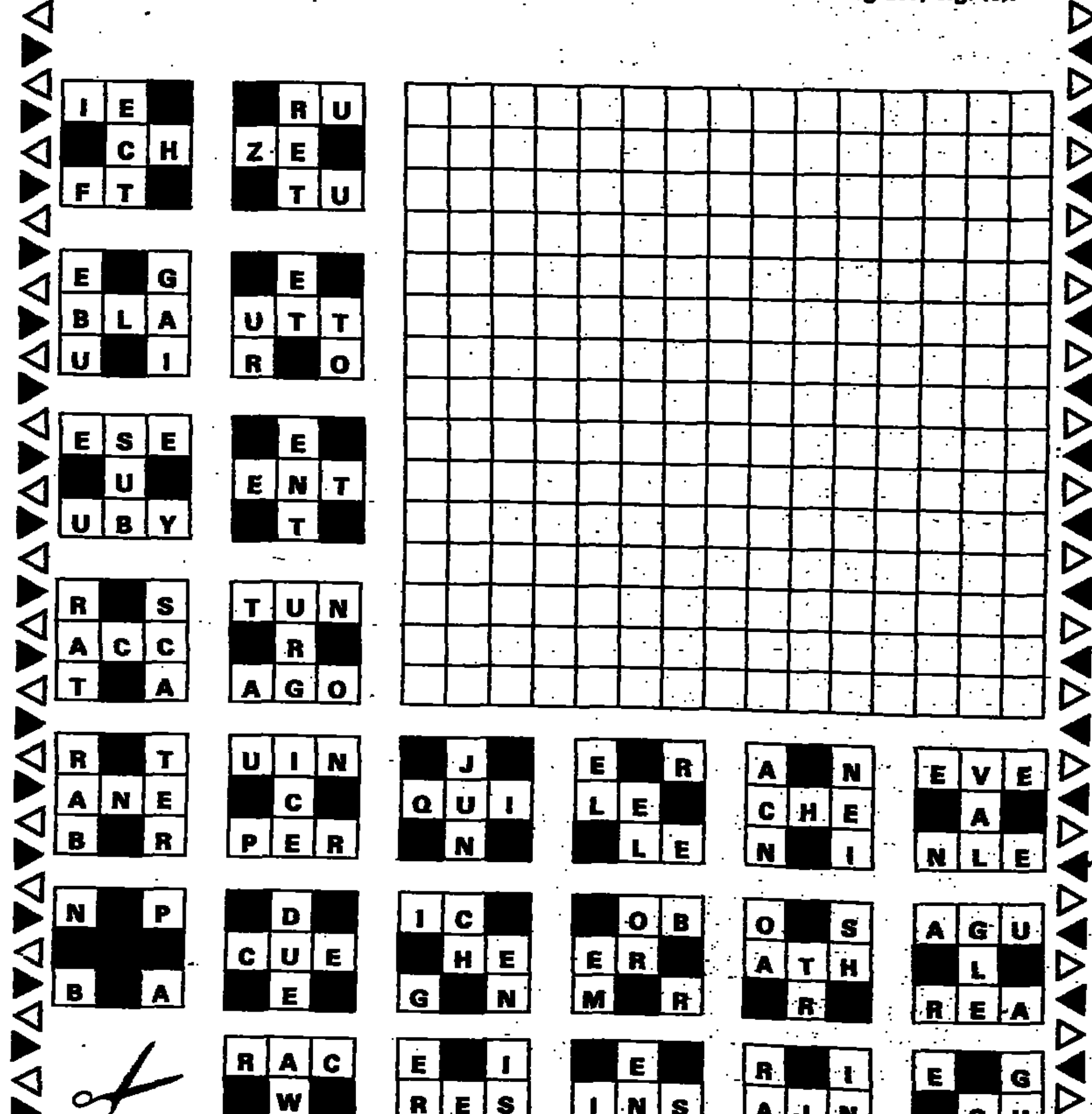
If your score is more than 8 you have a tendency for acts of bravery, and if you get 10 or above, you are exceptionally brave.

(Courtesy The Hindu)

SETSQUARE

We've cut up a completed crossword into 25 squares. Given straightforward clues to the two words contained in the second row across the grid, can you re-make the original puzzle? Remember that the final grid will have a symmetrical pattern of black squares.

CLUES: (ROW 2) First word: Cheese flan (6). **Second word:** Acute or grave, e.g. (6).



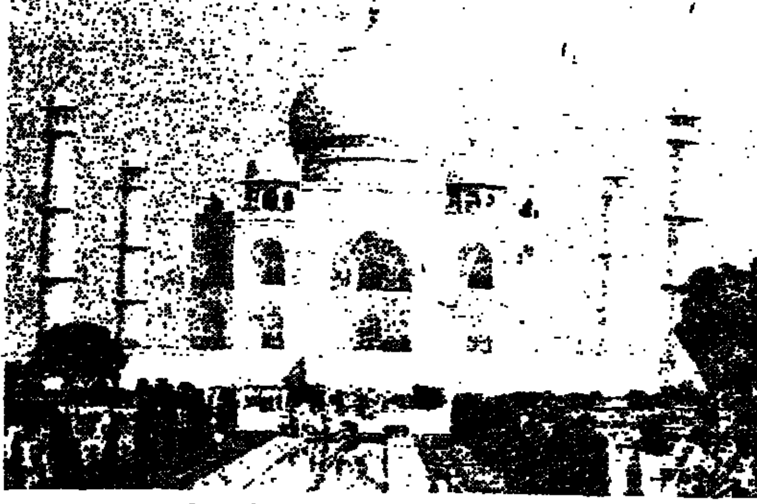
Feature

Facets of Countries

Spotlight: India

The Mausoleum That Love Built

"I would unashamedly confess to having promptly forgotten this tenth commandment (Thou shalt see the Taj) the moment I was lifted to the skies by Indian Airlines."



The splendid Taj Mahal in Agra, India.
(Answers will appear next week)

Tehran Times Service

No modern architecture is said to be as splendid and awe-inspiring as the Taj Mahal. The mausoleum was built in Agra, India from 1632 to 1653 by Shah *Jahan for his wife Mumtaz Ma*hal, where both are now entombed, and is celebrated for the loveliness of its garden setting which perfectly complements the beauty of the structure.

The actual impact of the Taj is dream-like. As one enters the Taj gate (eyes closed), across the two rows of cyprus pines that line the empty center pool, it seems truly grandiose, and yet so delicately lovely at the same time. It shines like a jewel in the scorching afternoon sun. At sunset it seems to be changing colors. Looking at it for the first time, it looks like an image on water that seems to talk to the onlooker.

Almost perfectly proportioned, the marble odyssey is adorned with pietra dura jewels and robes of intricately-patterned carvings. The black-chequered mosaic on the steps is quite unique. Legend has it that if 3,000 pairs of shoes with corresponding colors could be arranged on the spots-n-stripes all around, none of the owners would be able to find his footwear in a day.

Inside the mausoleum, the patterns on the screens on the way to the cenotaphs are equally interesting. The precious stones inlaid in its floral friezes sparkle whenever oblique rays of light filter through the screen to fall on them. But the screen around the cenotaphs, with a selection of turquoise, carnelians, corals and chacedony inlaid in it, is the most magnificent of all. A little midget of a man, torch in hand, gives *a demonstration of the bril*liance of the gems. When he puts the torch to a turqoise inlaid in a wreath, they glow like ambers. When he gives a demonstration of the Taj "talking back" by uttering some discernible Allah-o-Akbar or other undiscernible sounds, the Taj echoes back differently each time.

Sunset at the Taj is the most awaited time. Be sure not to miss it! The spectacle begins around six when its dazzling white starts to turn into gold. With the progression of time, a bit of peach gets into the cream. Then it changes and displays a blush of warm flesh tone. As the sun descends behind it, it changes into *a soft eerie blue.*

One reluctant visitor is said to have whispered back when he left the Taj: "I am no romantic but the place has really had a magical effect. It looked like I had been romancing the stone."

Fascinating Facts

What is the Largest Bird in the World?

The largest living bird, as far as height and weight are concerned, is the African ostrich. It does not even have any close competition for this honor. Large males have been found to measure 8 feet in height, and the maximum size is probably over 8 feet, with a weight of more than 300 pounds.

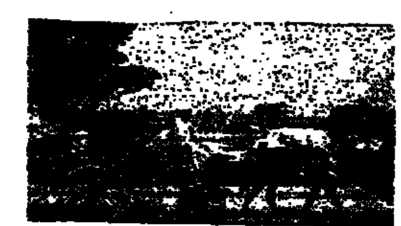
At least two groups of extinct birds were considerably larger than ostriches. These were the moas of New Zealand and the *Aepyornis* or elephant birds of Madagascar. Almost complete skeletons of the moas, 9 to 10 feet in height, have been found, and some biologists believe that the largest species may have attained the incredible height of 18 feet. The elephant birds were not so tall, but they were more masssively built. Based upon skeletal remains, a biologist recently computed that the largest of the elephant birds probably weighed almost 1,000 pounds.

THE TEMPLE OF LUXOR

Tehran Times Service

On the east bank of the Nile, 400 miles south of Cairo, lies Luxor, the site *of ancient Thebes, capital* of Egypt from 1550 B.C. to 1070 B.C. Renowned at its zenith for its power and wealth, here the pharaohs built great palaces, temples and monuments to their gods. Across the Nile rise the rocky hills of the west bank, where you can visit the tombs of pharaohs, their queens and nobles.

Two great temple complexes were built at Thebes—the great



Taking a horse-drawn carriage is a fun way to sightsee around Luxor center.

shrine of Kamak and the Luxor Temple. Unlike other royal palaces which were built of mud bricks, these temples were built of stone as an eternal memorial to the gods.

Once elaborately embellished with painted pillars and gold and alabaster walls, the great Luxor Temple is a vast ensemble of *courts and chapels, bearing on* its walls the story of the lives of the ancient Thebans in some of the most exquisite relief work in Egypt. Hard though it is to imagine, only a century ago the Luxor Temple was covered by shanties and rubbish. After being discovered by accident, the site was quickly cleared to reveal the mag*nificent temple complex.*

Built between 1414 B.C. and 1397 B.C. by the pleasure-loving pharaoh Amenhotep III, the temple was dedicated to the trinity of Egyptian gods: Amun-Ra, his wife Mut and their son Khons. With the exception of Amenhotep's son Akenhaten (the revolutionary pharaoh who was married to the beautiful Nefertiti), later pharaohs, including Tutankhamun, Horemheb, Ramesses II and Alexander the Great, added more buildings. Now to be found in the middle of the modern Luxor town, the vast temple covers four-and-a-half acres.

Adding to the original work of Amenhotep III, the great builder, Ramesses II constructed the massive front pylons which now form the monumental entrance to the temple. One of his two pink granite obelisks still towers over *the temple entrance,* the other now stands in the Place de la Concorde in Paris.

Six colossal statues of Ramesses II once guarded the entrace and flags waved gaily above its walls. Now only three of the statues survive—two figures seated on the throne beside the entrance and one standing outside the west pylon.

A great warrior pharaoh, said to have had 11 sons and 67 daughters, Ramesses II is depicted in his famous campaigns



The ancient Luxor Temple, standing as a monument to the pharaohs of ancient Thebes. Visitors can walk around the site which is illuminated at night.

on relief decorations on the walls of the pylon.

Beyond the majestic front pylons lies another of his additions—the great courtyard of Ramesses II, surrounded by a col-



Facade of a house in Luxor, decorated in a colorful blend of ancient and modern designs.

onnade of 74 columns shaped like papyrus buds. Many monumental statues stand and sit between the columns.

Inside the courtyard, the old and not so old mingle. The small mosque, parts of which date back to 1000 A.D., stands in a corner. Well preserved and still in use, it is greatly revered by local worshipers.

Two giant seated figures of Ramesses II flank the colonnade of Amenhotep III. Fourteen beautiful open-flower papyrus columns 52 feet high form the tall processional colonnade contained in a long rectangular hall where visitors can stroll out of the heat of the day and admire the walls, decorated with reliefs dating back to the regin of Tutankhamun and Horemheb. Some of the richest relief work in Egyptian art is to be found here. The annual Opet Festival of the ancient Thebans is vividly depicted, showing priests, soldiers, musicians and dancers joining together in a lively procession.

Though the pharaoh Nectanebo I was the last to add to the temple, he contributed one of its most strking features—a wide sandstone-paved avenue lined with 90 ram-headed sphinxes. Once it stretched for several miles to the Tmples of Kamak in the north and must have witnessed the spectacular colorful pageantry and grandeur of the ancient festivals.

The temple continues to surprise. In 1989, 22 statues, including an eight-foot high statue of its founder, Amenhotep III, were found by workmen—one of the most important findings in the area since the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in *1922.*

Today the sun's rays filter through, the great temple casting long afternoon shadows and softening the color of the stone; the voices of the builders and worshipers of ancient Thebes have *long since fallen silent, but they* still seem to speak to us through their mighty temple.

MUSEUM OF ANCIENT EGYPTIAN ART

Luxor is the tourist center for Upper Egypt. A wide tree-lined road, the Comiche, runs alongside the Nile past the Luxor Temple to the shrine of Karnak. Though simple and unsophisti*cated, the town has old-world* charm. The most popular form of transport for visitors is the horse-drawn carriage, while ferries ply the Nile on tours of the remarkable collection of monuments and sights of the west bank.

Close to the town center is the Museum of Ancient Egyptian Art, a small gem of a museum, housing *rare discoveries from an*cient Thebes.

VALLEY OF THE KINGS

Rising above the green fringe on the west bank of the Nile at Luxor are a range of pink limestone hills, the home of the Valley of the Kings, the Valley of the Nobles, the Valley of the Queens, and many great monuments of the pharaohs. Various tombs are open to the public including the famous *tomb of Tutankhamun.*

TEMPLE OF KARNAK

Two miles south of othe Luxor Temple lies the other great temple complex of Luxor, the Karnak Temple. Walking through the great Avenue of the Rams, visitors enter this vast complex of courtyards, halls, smaller temples *and shrines. One of the great* monuments of Egyptian antiquity, the complex covers 60 acres. The Great Hypostyle Hall is the largest hall in the world. (Reprinted from *Hello*, October 1994.)

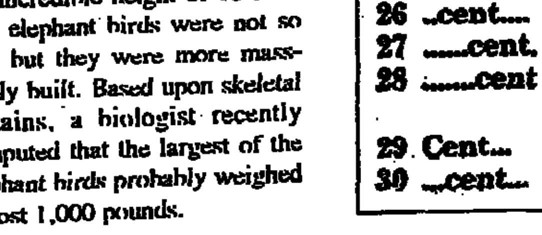
Brain Teaser

Makes sense!

You may have to raid your mental piggy bank for this one. Each word contains a cent, as shown.

1 ...cent....	Give attention
2 Cent.....	Many legged worm
3 ...cent....	Emphasize
4 ....cent	Not guilty
5 Cent......	Type of thermometer
6 ...cent...	Rate of interest; share of profit
7 ..cent..	Lately
8 ..cent......	200th anniversary
9 Cent..	Middle
10 .cent	Smell
11 ......cent	Self-satisfied
12 ..cent...	Motive
13 ....cent	Reserved in speech
14 ....cent	Grand; exceptionally fine
15 ....cent	First quarter moon
16 ..cent	Proper; appropriate
17 ..cent...	Deviating from established patterns
18 ....cent	Bubbly; lively
19 ...cent	Coming down
20 ......cent	Teenager
21 Cent...	Half man, half horse
22 ...cent...	Overly concerned with oneself
23 ......cent	Glittering with rainbow colours
24 ....cent	Lustful
25 .....cent....	Test on pregnant woman to detect chromosomal abnormity
26 ..cent....	Morally unrestrained
27 ......cent.	Connoisseur
28 ....cent	Permitting passage of light
29 Cent...	One hundred years
30 ...cent...	Having a common centre

(Answers to brain teaser will appear next week.)



TODAY IN HISTORY

1934 — Agreement is reached on frontier between Sudan and Libya.

1961 — Kuwait is admitted to Arab league, but admission to United Nations is blocked by Soviet Union.

1973 — Former Argentine dictator Juan Peron returns to his country after more than 10 years of exile.

1988 — Lieutenant General Henry Namphy declares himself president of Haiti after troops storm National Palace and depose civilian President Leslie Manigat.

1990 — Ion Iliescu is sworn in as president of Romania, with U.S. boycotting inauguration to protest Iliescu's role in violent repression of opposition figures.

1991 — German lawmakers narrowly vote to return Germany's seat of power to Berlin.

1992 — Czech leader Vaclav Klaus and Slovak leader Vladimir Meciar agree to split Czechoslovakia.

1993 — The European Community authorizes its mediator to negotiate the division of Bosnia Herzegovina.

CANDID CAMERA

TOMORROW IN HISTORY

1970 — Indochina war erupts on dozen fronts in heaviest fighting since Vietnam conflict spread to Cambodia in April.

1971 — International Court of Justice in The Hague rules that South Africa's administration of territory of south-west Africa is illegal.

1976 — Rioting breaks out in black townships around Pretoria in South Africa.

1987 — International Energy Agency warns that world oil demand could exceed supply in 1990s.

1989 — Shanghai authorities execute three men convicted of setting train ablaze during student-led protests.

1990 — Massive earthquake, measuring between 7.3 and 7.7 on Richter scale, strikes northern Iran, killing as many as 100,000.

1991 — Secretary of state Baker pleads with Yugoslav leaders to find a bloodless solution to the ethnic conflicts threatening their country.

1992 — Boris Yeltsin returned to Moscow from a U.S.-Russia summit and warns that Russia may intervene in Moldovia's civil war.

Graven Image

By John O'Hara

The car turned in at the brief, crescent-shaped drive and waited until the two cabs ahead had pulled away. The car pulled up, the doorman opened the rear door, a little man got out. The little man nodded pleasantly enough to the doorman and said "Wait" to the chauffeur.

"Will the Under Secretary be here long?" asked the doorman.

"Why?" said the little man.

"Because if you were going to be here, sir, only a short while, I'd let your man leave the car here, at the head of the rank."

"Leave it there *anyway*," said the Under Secretary.

"Very good, sir," said the doorman. He saluted and frowned only a little as he watched the Under Secretary enter the hotel. "Well," the doorman said to himself, "it was a long time coming. It took him longer than most, but sooner or later all of them—". He opened the door of the next car, addressed a colonel and a major by their titles, and never did anything about the Under Secretary's car, which pulled ahead and parked in the drive.

The Under Secretary was spoken to many times in his progress to the main dining room. One man said, "What's your hurry, Joe?," to which the Under Secretary smiled and nodded. He was called Mr. Secretary most often, in some cases easily, by the old Washington hands, but more frequently with that embarrassment which Americans feel in using titles. As he passed through the lobby, the Under Secretary himself addressed by their White House nicknames two gentlemen whom he had to acknowledge to be closer to The Boss. And, bustling all the while, he made his way to the dining room, which was already packed. At the entrance he stopped short and frowned. The man he was to meet, Charles Browning, was chatting, in French, very amiably with the maitre d'hotel. Browning and the Under Secretary had been at Harvard at the same time.

The Under Secretary went up to him. "Sorry if I'm a little late," he said and held out his hand, at the same time looking at his pocket watch. "Not so very, though. How are you, Charles? Fred, you got my message?"

"Yes, sir" said the maitre d'hotel. "I put you at a nice table all the way back to the right." He meanwhile had wig-wagged a captain, who stood by to lead the Under Secretary and his guest to Table 12. "Nice to have seen you again, Mr. Browning. Hope you come see us again while you are in Washington. Always a pleasure, sir."

"Always a pleasure, Fred," said Browning. He turned to the Under Secretary. "Well, shall we?"

"Yeah, let's sit down," said the Under Secretary.

The captain led the way, followed by the Under Secretary, walking slightly sideways. Browning, making one step to two of the Under Secretary's, brought up the rear. When they were seated, the Under Secretary took the menu out of the captain's hands. "Let's order right away so I don't have to look up and talk to those two bastards. I guess you know which two I mean." Browning looked from right to left, as anyone does on just sitting down in a restaurant. He nodded and said, "Yes, I think I know. You mean the senators."

"That's right," said the Under Secretary. "I'm not gonna have a drink, but you can....I'll have the lobster. Peas. Shoestring potatoes... You want a drink?"

"I don't think so. I'll take whatever you're having."

"O.K., waiter?" said the Under Secretary.

"Yes, sir," said the captain, and went away.

"Well, Charles, I was pretty surprised to hear from you."

"Yes," Browning said, "I should imagine so, and by the way, I want to thank you for answering my letter so promptly. I know how rushed you fellows must be, and I thought, as I said in my letter, at your convenience."

"Mm. Well, frankly, there wasn't any use in putting you off. I mean till next week or two weeks from now or anything like that. I could just as easily see you today as a month from now. May be easier. I don't know where I'll be likely to be a month from now. In more ways than one. I may be taking the Clipper to London, and then of course I may be out on my can! Coming to New York and asking *you* for job. I take it that's what you wanted to see me about."

"Yes, and with hat in hand."

"Oh, no. I can't see you waiting with hat in hand, not for anybody. Not even for The Boss."

Browning laughed.

"What are you laughing at?" asked the Under Secretary.

"Well, you know how I feel about him. So I'd say least of all The Boss."

"Well, you've got plenty of company in this goddam town. But why'd you come to me, then? Why didn't you go to one of your Union League or Junior League or whatever-the-hell-it-is pals? There, that big jerk over there with the blue suit and the striped tie, for instance?"

Browning looked over at the big jerk with the blue suit and striped tie, and at that moment their eyes met and the two men nodded.

"You *know* him?" said the Under Secretary.

"Sure, I know him, but that doesn't say I *approve* of him."

"Well, at least that's something. And I notice he knows you."

"I've been to his house. I think he's been to our house when my father was alive, and naturally I've seen him around New York all my life."

"Naturally. Naturally. Then why didn't you go to *him*?"

"That's easy. I wouldn't like to ask him for anything. I don't approve of the man, at least as politician, so I couldn't go to him and ask him a favor."

"But, on the other hand, you're not one of our team, but yet you'd ask me a favor. I don't get it."

"Oh, yes you do, Joe. You didn't get where you are by not being able to understand a simple thing like that."

Reluctantly—and quite obviously it was reluctantly—the Under Secretary grinned. "All right. I was baiting you."

"I know you were, but I expected it. I have it coming to me. I've always been against you fellows. I wasn't even for you in 1932, and that's a hell of an admission, but it's the truth. But that's water under the bridge—or isn't it?" The waiter interrupted with the food, and they did not speak until he had gone away.

"You were asking me if it isn't water under the bridge. Why should it be?"

"The obvious reason," said Browning.

"My country, 'tis of thee'?"

"Exactly,. Isn't that enough?"

"It isn't for your Racquet Club pal over there."

"You keep track of things like that?"

"Certainly." said the Under Secretary. "I know every goddam club in this country, beginning back about twenty-three years ago. I had ample time to study them all then, you recall, objectively, from the outside. By the way, I notice you wear a wristwatch. What happens to the little animal?"

Browning put his hand in his pocket and brought out a small bunch of keys. He held the chain so that the Under Secretary could see, suspended from it, a small golden pig. "I still carry it," he said.

"They tell me a lot of you fellows put them back in your pockets about five years ago, when one of the illustrious brethren closed his downtown office and moved up to Ossining."

"Oh, probably," Browning said, "but, quite a few fellows, I believe, that hadn't been wearing them took to wearing then again out of simple loyalty. Listen, Joe, are we talking like grown men? Are you sore at the Pork? Do you think you'd have enjoyed being a member of it? If being sore at it was even partly responsible for getting you where you are, then I think you ought to be a little grateful to it. You'd show the bastards. O.K. You showed them. Us. If you hadn't been so sore at Porcellian so-and-so's, you might have turned into just another lawyer."

"My wife gives me that sometimes."

"There, do you see? Browning said. "Now then, how about the job?"

The Under Secretary smiled. "There's no getting away from it, you guys have got something, O.K., what are you interested in? Of course, I make no promises, and I don't even know if what you're interested in is something I can help you with."

"That's a chance I'll take. That's why I came to Washington, on just that chance, but it's my guess you can help me." Browning went on to tell the Under Secretary about the job he and the Under Secretary nodded. Browning told him everything he knew about the job he wanted. He told him why he thought he was qualified for it, and the Under Secretary nodded. Browning told him everything he knew about the job, and the Under Secretary continued to nod silently. By the end of Browning's recital the Under Secretary had become thoughtful. He told Browning that he thought there might be some little trouble with a certain character but that character could be handled, because the real say so, the green light, was controlled by a man who was a friend of the Under Secretary's, and the Under Secretary could almost say at this moment that the matter could be arranged.

At this, Browning grinned. "By God, Joe we've got to have a drink on this. This is the best news since ..." He summoned the waiter. The Under Secretary yielded and ordered a drink. Browning ordered another drink. The drinks were brought. Browning said, "About the job. I'm not going to say another word but just keep my fingers crossed. But as to you, Joe, you're the best." The two men drank, the Under Secretary sipping at his, Browning taking half of his. Browning looked at the drink in his hand. "You know, I was a little afraid. That other stuff, the club."

"Yes," said the Under Secretary.

"I don't know why fellows like you—you never would have made it in a thousand years, but"—then, without looking up, he knew every thing had collapsed—"but I've said exactly the wrong thing, haven't I?"

"That's right, Browning," said the Under Secretary. "You've said exactly the wrong thing. I've got to be going." He stood up and turned and went out, all dignity.

Stories of Nasreddin

Sour Reply

One day a man said to Nasreddin:

"I've heard you've got vinegar that is 40 years old."

"That's true," said Nasreddin.

"Will you give me some?" asked the man.

"If I gave vinegar to all those who asked, it wouldn't have become 40 years old," said Nasreddin.





